

# THE DAILY NEWS

GRUNTY GRUNDY SAYS:

Some people are so timid they won't feed themselves for fear of losing their appetite.

## VOTE DOWN ALL THE BY-LAWS SAYS WM. MANSON

### FLOODS DO DAMAGE IN PORTLAND--TERRORS OF STRIKE TOLD BY WIFE OF NON-UNION MAN

#### VOTE DOWN THE BY-LAWS DON'T LET THE COMPANY IN

Opponents of Power Agreement By-Law Worked Enthusiasm into Large Gathering at Empress Theatre

A crowded house and impartial receptive audience went to hear the opponents of the Prince Rupert Hydro-Electric agreement in the Empress Theatre last evening. The speakers were all given a fair hearing and hearty applause, and the audience seemed to enjoy the occasional interruptions, roasts, and sarcasms. There were five speakers on the programme as arranged, but the advocates of the agreement asked for the privilege of replying and at the end of the meeting three of them did five minute stunts.

Wm. Manson created the sensation of the evening when he advocated beating all the bylaws and wiping out the proposed sewers until such time as the city could meet all its obligations and build the city hydro-electric. He is credited with having made one of the best speeches he ever delivered in Prince Rupert and was greeted with more real applause than is usually accorded him even in the heat of an election campaign.

J. A. Kirkpatrick was chairman. After a few reels of moving pictures he introduced the speakers. In opening the meeting he said:

"I have no personal interest in this question, nor am I advocating either candidate for mayor. This question is more important than twenty mayors."

**J. C. McLennan**  
I have no brief for any candidate. All I ask is an intelligent vote.

The press are impartial on this question.

On my recent trip back east I talked with Hon. Hearst and Sir James Whitney of Ontario. They said municipal ownership in electric power has come to stay.

Winnipeg was paying 18c for electricity. The city brought in their own power and are selling power for 1c and light for 3c.

A voice—"And are losing money."

No company can go out and bring in power here as cheaply as we can with our hydro-electric. This company are not philanthropists.

The dry dock is installing an electric plant where we could secure power in a pinch. They have a plant with a capacity of 2800 h. p. This is not wind. You can go down and see it. (Laughter.)

Ontario reserved its water powers for the people and he hoped in years to come this province would reserve its water powers for the people.

The trend of the people is to get away from corporations. At the conclusion of his speech Mr. Agnew drew the attention of Mr. McLennan to the fact that the province of Ontario buys all its power at Niagara Falls from a private company.

**William Manson**  
My advice is to vote all the by-laws down, including the Diesel oil plant. This is a sweeping declaration made on account of our financial position.

A blackboard was exhibited showing items totaling our long term debt to be \$1,511,000. The sewer bylaw already passed amounted to \$660,000 and proposed new bylaws amounting to \$300,000 the speaker wiped over the board.

Our debt is too high. We can not sell debentures. Better wait until we have wiped out obligations already incurred.

By selling our present debentures we would be able to handle our hydro-electric.

The revenue from our own hydro scheme would help pay water works debentures.

This agreement would leave the company supreme in handling power for the city.

When we complete one unit it will be time enough to see how far we can go.

We should not agree to buy any specific amount of power from the company. If this company is in the field they will be glad to furnish us power from time to time.

The city engineer and electrical superintendent have not given reports recommending or condemning this agreement. We want detailed information from the council.

Regret question is submitted during a municipal campaign. We cannot get calmest judgment. The citizens' committee cannot call in experts.

Mr. Ross of Seattle in a letter said he did not like the agreement. It was one-sided and he would be sorry to see the city accept it. It would make them political masters. The primary charge is a money-maker for the company. The cost is greater than the city can buy it for. Rates are out of the question and should not be considered.

We are under no obligations to this company. When we were passing our hydro-electric power one of the engineers of this company wrote to our bankers and tried to injure us.

A voice—"He was hydro adviser for the bank and the bank asked for his opinion."

Company representatives are trying to influence the people by offering them business. I would like to see the people free to handle their own business.

The company has made misrepresentations. The speaker here read prospectus advertising of the company's stock selling brokers.

The advertisement in the daily papers showing the cost of power under the agreement to be 7c and 5c was contradicted by the figures of the city superintendent. The city council ought to refute these figures.

L. W. Patmore—Why don't you refute them?

Wm. Manson—I am.

L. W. P.—No, you are just saying so.

W. M.—Mr. Patmore seems interested in these figures. Perhaps he can tell us about them.

Mr. Patmore is interested with the company and can confuse the people of Prince Rupert. I am not a mathematician but I claim the council ought to submit some technical figures.

Every candidate should be pledged on this question.

This bylaw if passed will have to be ratified by the legislature and will come before me again, but if you pass it do not expect

us to stop it there. It is not up to me, it is up to you.

Everyone condemned the charter of the Tsimpsan Power Company which this company bought out. They condemned me for not having it cancelled in the legislature. Even Mr. Patmore condemned it. It makes all the difference whether a man is solicitor for the company or not.

Lady's voice—"He was solicitor then."

If you vote for the agreement you can bid goodbye to the development of our water power.

The city has staked Wark Channel power, but I do not know yet what has been decided about it.

Mr. Agnew here arose and explained the figures in the advertisement. He challenged any one to show that they were not correct.

**Dr. Clayton**  
If any one is in favor of this agreement I want them to tell me why.

I am opposed to it on principle. I am a believer in municipal ownership.

It is fatal to this company's enterprise to develop ours.

If this company can put up this fight in its initial stages, what will it be able to do in twenty years when it has influence and owns newspapers?

Prince Rupert is sending out the S. O. S.

This is only a plug view, but I think a municipality can float bonds cheaper than industrials.

Great is the persuasion of gold on the newspapers.

Don't let the immense amount of work promised becloud the issue.

**C. V. Bennett**  
If the city wants to cancel the agreement it will take seven months to get it into the courts. I don't question the good faith of the company, but if they get us into court—ad infinitum.

In this company are some of the shrewdest minds in the country.

It took four years to open Cow Bay.

**C. W. Peck**  
I'm Cy on the spot. We have had range finders, pom poms and I am to give the fireworks.

I am for public ownership all the time. It is the greatest manifestation of democracy. The only two things that would bring me on the platform are public ownership and single tax.

This agreement is a franchise and a monopoly. This company asks that they be protected from competition, even the competition of the city itself.

Many of us came up here with packs on our backs. We were not protected from competition. We

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#### 800 PHONE STATIONS SILENCED BY STORM

(Special to The Daily News.)

Portland, Jan. 6.—The terrible rain storm of the last few days has moderated but another forecast warning for small craft has been posted. The Willamette River is still rising fast. Eight hundred stations of the Pacific Telephone Co. are entirely destroyed and the city fire alarm switchboard is out of service. Slides in the hill districts have done great damage to the railway service, which is interrupted for miles. A gale is blowing all over Cape Flattery, but no damage to shipping is yet reported.

#### Latest Despatches

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Jan. 6.—Sir Lionel Gorden has been removed from Mexico City and sent to Brazil.

Baltimore, Jan. 6.—The revenue cutter Androsagging went aground in a gale but refloated. The damage is unknown.

New Westminster, Jan. 6.—Joe Anglo is up at the assizes court charged with six counts, including riotous assembly and damage to property.

New York, Jan. 6.—The oil tanker Oklahoma has broken in two amidships. A crew of about forty men perished. The stern of the steamer was laden with heavy machinery and sank immediately, carrying down a large number of men. Eight men were rescued by the steamer Bavaria.

New Westminster, Jan. 5.—Mrs. Skavarte, wife of a non-union miner, gave a vivid word picture at the assizes yesterday of the wild days and nights in August when the strike was on. She outlined the terror which it brought to the women. The case will conclude today.

Ladies' white embroidered dresses at sale prices on Thursday at Wallace's.

You will have to choose eight Aldermen from a larger number. Make a mental note of D. H. Morrison as your first choice.

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Cashmere half hose 15c a pair at Martin O'Reilly's January clearing sale.

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#### THREE THOUSAND TONS OF CONCRETE

Hundred Four Horse Teams to Haul Material to Nechaco Bridge

Supt. Graham, for Bates and Rogers, concrete contractors on the G. T. P., returned Saturday night after a business trip to the south. To the Herald he stated that the concreting of Ross' big tunnel would be completed within the next six weeks. The tunnels around Kitselas are done and the slow order to the trainmen are taken off. At mile 44 about forty feet at the western entrance to the tunnel is being concreted and it will be ready in a few days.

The big job Bates & Rogers have for this winter is hauling three thousand tons of cement from the end of steel to the site of the Nechaco bridge. Over a hundred four-horse teams will be on the job and as many more as can be secured. Good prices for freighting are being paid.—Omineca Herald.

#### A Fine Play

"In Australia," as performed at the Westholme Opera House by the Josephine Deffry Company, proved an unequalled success and pleased those present without exception.

The play is thoroughly English, both in sentiment and character and gives every member of the company ample scope for the display of their talents. Miss Deffry in the leading role was as usual splendid and played the role of the persecuted wife excellently. She was well supported by the entire company and the entire performance was creditable indeed. The play will be repeated tonight.

Wednesday and Thursday this company will be seen here for the last time this season in the great comedy success entitled "The Marriage of Kitty."

**Delayed Christmas Gift**  
A Christmas gift for the fire department in the shape of another fire automobile hose wagon and chemical engine is on its way but will arrive late. It was shipped from Walkerville on Christmas Eve, but will not get here for a week or two yet. The city fire department will be well equipped when this second wagon arrives.

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#### GIRL CLOSED TOWN SALOONS UNDER ORDERS GOVERNOR

BACKED BY MILITIA, PRIVATE SECRETARY OF GOV. WEST SHUT UP BROTHELS OWNED BY CITY OFFICIALS

Copperfield, Ore., Jan. 5.—Flanked by state militiamen, Miss Fern Hobbs, private secretary to Governor West, yesterday closed the saloons of this place and martial law was declared.

The members of the coast artillery, with rifles loaded and ready, stopped off the train at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, after the saloon men had become defiant and refused to close their brothels.

The governor's special representative, accompanied by Col. Lawson, went directly to the town hall, where she read the governor's proclamation. The guardsmen remained at the railroad under Col. Lawson's orders.

Mayor Stewart, leader of one faction of the town, and Martin Kneisovitch of the other, were on hand with their followers.

Martial law was not declared while Miss Hobbs was here, but ten minutes after she left, all her requests not being obeyed, the military authorities took control of the situation.

All the saloons were seized, the saloon men being given until 4

o'clock to ship their bar fixtures and liquors out of the county on penalty of confiscation. All of the city officials were placed under arrest. They were not even permitted to communicate with their attorneys.

The situation, which reached its climax yesterday, arose two weeks ago, when Governor West announced that he had received a protest signed by more than half the residents of Copperfield against alleged law violations by saloons here, one of which was run by the mayor and another by a councilman. It was charged that liquor was sold to minors and at all hours.

The governor called upon Mayor Stewart to close the saloons. The mayor declined. Governor West then called upon Sheriff Rand, at Baker, to act. The sheriff refused, declaring he lacked authority, as no legal complaint had been filed. The governor then declared he would close the saloons himself, and remove the city officials if they hindered him.

**The Ladies' Musical Club**  
At a meeting of the club held at Miss Froud's house the following programme was given:

Vocal—"Love's Sorrow" . . . Shelly  
Miss K. Jenns  
Piano—"Grand Valse" . . . Matti  
Mrs. Scheinman  
Vocal—"Queen of Angels" . . .  
M. Piccolini  
Mrs. Jarvis McLeod  
Piano—"La Lisonjera" . . .  
C. Chaminade  
Miss Hyde  
Vocal—"The Swallows" . . .  
Fred. Cowan  
Mrs. Miller  
Reading—"Mendelssohn" . . .  
Miss Irwin  
Piano—"Prelude in C Sharp Minor" . . . Rachmaninoff  
Miss Froud

**Indians Celebrate Christmas**  
The Hagwilget Indians made merry for several days last week in celebration of Christmas. A parade, speeches and a big feast were the chief features. There was also gift giving and general rejoicing. One of the main items on the menu was biscuits, plain and fancy. In this line they got all there was in town and asked for twice as much.—Omineca Herald.

Mrs. Burke wishes to announce that she is prepared to do all kinds of fancy and plain dress-making at Mrs. Frizzell's store, Third Avenue. Prices reasonable. 307-313

Pantorium Pioneer Cleaners, Phone 4.

Ladies suits, values up to \$38, to go at \$10 the suit—Wallace's sale. 4tf

8/4 heavy white cotton bedspreads, regular price \$1.50, sale price on Thursday 95c at Wallace's.

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WHAT THE COST OF LIGHT AND POWER WILL BE TO THE CONSUMER IF THE

#### PRINCE RUPERT HYDRO ELECTRIC CO.'S AGREEMENT IS PASSED

TOTAL COST OF PURCHASING POWER FROM COMPANY AND RATES TO CONSUMER PER KILOWATT HOUR		TOTAL REVENUE FROM THESE RATES		ANNUAL SURPLUS
CITY TAKING	CONSUMER	LIGHTING POWER	RATES	
501 h. p.	\$ 50,700.00	7c	2c	\$ 52,279.68
750 h. p.	65,672.00	6c	2c	69,070.90
1000 h. p.	91,074.00	6c	1 1/2 c	98,023.00
1250 h. p.	101,377.00	5c	1 1/2 c	106,193.00
1500 h. p.	120,860.00	5c	1 1/2 c	127,431.00
1750 h. p.	126,476.00	5c	1c	137,234.00
2000 h. p.	142,844.00	4 1/2 c	1c	143,763.00
2250 h. p.	151,137.00	4 1/2 c	1c	161,739.00
2500 h. p.	163,096.00	4c	1c	163,374.00
2750 h. p.	160,478.00	3 1/2 c	1c	161,739.00
3000 h. p.	169,012.00	3 1/2 c	1c	176,442.00

From the above it will be seen that as soon as the City takes power from the Company that the lighting rate will be reduced from the present rate of 18c per k. w. hr. to 7c net per k. w. hr. and the power rates from the present rate of 9c per k. w. hour to 2c per k. w. hour net.

The total cost of purchasing power from the Company and distributing to consumer as given above is based on the figures submitted by the City Superintendent of Light as to cost.

THE PASSING OF THE  
PRINCE RUPERT HYDRO-ELECTRIC  
POWER AGREEMENT  
MEANS

\$150,000 to be spent inside six months;  
\$1,000,000 to be spent inside three years.

FOR WHICH YOU ARE NOT TAXED ONE CENT.

**WESTHOLME**  
**OPERA HOUSE**  
MONDAY AND TUESDAY  
Josephine Deffry Stock Coy.  
In the  
Great Four Act Drama  
"IN AUSTRALIA"  
Admission 25c., 35c., 50c.  
Reserved Seats at Orme's Third Ave. Drug Store.  
Doors Open at 8; Curtain Rises, 8.30