

OFFICERS ARE ELECTED

Commercial Club Holds Its Annual Meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTED

On Difficulties Existing Between the Owners of the Glangary Tract and the Portland Cement Company.

At the semi-annual meeting of the Roseburg Commercial Club held at the club rooms last evening the attendance was unusually large. It was anticipated there would be some opposition to the ticket named by the nominating committee at a recent meeting, and this, no doubt, accounted in a measure for the large number present. However, when the time came for the election of the various officers it passed off as serenely as any election ever held, and the gentlemen named to man the club for the ensuing year were unanimously elected to the different offices to which they aspired.

The meeting was called to order by President Josephson immediately after which the election of officers was taken up and disposed of without ceremony. The list of nominees was read by Secretary George Neuner and it was moved and seconded that the rules be suspended and the secretary requested to cast a unanimous ballot for the following gentlemen: President, Dr. A. C. Seely; vice-president, H. T. McClallen; secretary, George H. Neuner, Jr.; treasurer, W. H. Richardson; trustees, T. R. Sheridan, S. S. Josephson and Jos. Micell.

Owing to the fact that the city council was holding an important meeting, President Josephson gave his chair to Vice-President Dyeinger, and returned to the council after the election of officers.

At this time Henry Richardson, chairman of the committee appointed to bring about a settlement of the difficulties existing between the local owners of the Glangary tract of land and the Portland Cement Co., submitted the following report which was adopted without a dissenting vote and the committee discharged.

Report of the Committee. To the Roseburg Commercial Club: Gentlemen—Your committee appointed to investigate the matter of the proposed railway through the Glangary fruit lands, begs to report as follows:

We have made a personal inspection of the Glangary tract and of the preliminary survey made for the Portland Cement Company's proposed spur. It appears that the spur is necessary if the large deposit of carbonate of lime owned by said company, and which it is proposed to reach by said spur, is to be developed on a commercial scale. It further appears to us that if a right-of-way is to be given for such spur, provisions should be made, by inserting conditions in the right-of-way deeds, or in other suitable manner, securing

the right to neighboring land owners to use said spur for their shipments over the same upon some equitable basis; and further provision should be made for joint use of said spur by any other development or manufacturing company which may be willing to bear a proportionate share of the cost of construction, maintenance and operation. As to the location of the proposed line, we find that so far as appears to non-technical observers, the survey should run from a point in the immediate vicinity of the old Frank Walte residence, along or near the county road to the intersection of the road laid out by the Glangary owners, and should then follow along the latter road, the width of the right of way being increased sufficiently to accommodate both rail and wagon road. By this means, additional ground taken would come off the ends of the platted lots, and would avoid the serious damage which would result from the diagonal intersection of said lots as proposed in the preliminary survey heretofore made for the cement company by Engineer Hartong. In this connection it is to be borne in mind that some of the lots concerned have been sold by the original owners of the tract, and therefore any readjustment of the lotting is cut of the question, even if the contour of the ground would admit of change in this particular.

We are not able to state in dollars and cents the decrease in the amount of injury which would result from the change in route suggested, but it would be great. Respectfully submitted,

W. H. RICHARDSON, Chairman. B. L. EDDY, W. H. FISHER.

Low Rate on Crude Oil.

An important matter to the fruit growers of Douglas county was brought to the attention of the club members by Henry Richardson, who stated he had been requested by W. C. Winston, the fruit grower, to ask the Commercial Club to confer with the Southern Pacific Co. and ascertain if a more reasonable freight rate could not be secured for the fruit growers of this county on crude petroleum for smudge purposes. It was stated the railway company were now supplying Willamette valley fruit men with the oil free of any cost whatever to them and it was thought a like situation could be brought about for the fruitmen of this section if taken up with the general freight agent of the S. P. at Portland. Accordingly E. B. Pengra and L. B. Moore were appointed a committee of two to take this important matter up with the railway company and the result of their findings, if a satisfactory agreement is reached, will mean much to the fruit men of Douglas county, the matter of operating of smudges having been taken up by many of the large fruit growers.

BRIEF IN TAX CASE IS FILED

WASHINGTON, March 15.—The government's brief in connection with the corporation tax cases was filed in the supreme court today by Solicitor General Powers. Arguments on the cases now on appeal will begin immediately after the disposal of the Standard Oil hearing now before the court.

STREETS TO BE PAVED

Report of Improvement Committee Adopted.

TOTAL OF 39 BLOCKS

Councilmen "Stretch" the Pavement as far as Possible to Please Property Owners—Will Ask for Better Rate.

- STREETS TO BE PAVED. The following streets will be paved. This was agreed upon without dissent at the meeting of the common council last evening: Douglas street from court house to Claire street—four blocks. Jackson street from Douglas to the Deer Creek bridge; and from Lane to Mosher street—three blocks. Washington street from Main to Kane and from Rose to Jackson—two blocks. Cass street from Main to Kane—one block. Lane street from Main to Umpqua bridge—8 blocks. Mosher street from Main to Sheridan—5 blocks. Main from Cass to Lane street—1 block. Rose street from Washington to Lane—3 blocks. Stephens street from Cass to Woodward—3 blocks. Pine street from Oak to Mosher—3 blocks. Mill street from Mosher to Sykes—1 block. In all, 39 blocks.

The important features of the council meeting last evening was the adoption without a dissenting vote of the report of the city improvement committee recommending that the above named streets be paved, and the reading of the report of Expert Ben Olcott, who has just completed the task of auditing the city records for a period covering the past eight and one-fourth years. The report of the expert is given elsewhere in this paper.

In submitting the recommendations of the city improvement committee for the paving of the aforesaid streets, Chairman Micell stated that the committee did not pretend to any superior wisdom or infallibility of judgment in making the best choice of streets. But he said the committee had given the matter prolonged and earnest attention, and he believed that the selections made by the committee were the most expedient, equitable and just that could be made under the circumstances.

On motion of McClallen the report of the committee was unanimously adopted, and the city engineer instructed to prepare plans and specifications for the paving of said streets. Mullen arose to a point of information to inquire if all of the streets would be paved with standard pavement.

Micell stated that Lane and other streets where traffic is heavy would be paved with standard quality of pavement, and that Sykes and other similar residential streets would be treated with a lighter quality of pavement, so that the total number of blocks to be paved would probably be increased this way by two or three blocks.

McClallen called attention to the fact that the Warren Construction company, under the stress of competition, was doing pavement work in other cities considerably cheaper than it did the same work in Roseburg last year. He thought the council might be able to secure a better rate this year and thus save enough to pave an additional block or more, as the estimate had been based on the old rate per yard.

Carl Huffman and 18 other property owners presented a petition asking the council to order John Hunter to remove his spray manufacturing plant beyond the city limits, claiming that it was obnoxious to residents in the neighborhood and a menace to health. The Mayor referred the petition to the committee on health and police.

The petition of various citizens for the installation and construction of a complete sewerage system for North Roseburg was also referred to the committee on health and police.

The city improvement committee reported favorably on the petition of R. L. Cannon and others for the improving of Pitzer street from Douglas to East Court and city engineer was instructed to prepare plans and specifications in accordance with the prayer of the petitioners.

Attorney W. W. Cardwell was present in behalf of William Tipton and F. F. Patterson and announced that his clients refused to move the buildings belonging to them on Spring street and alleged by the council to be encroaching on city land. City

CITY BOOKS EXPERTED

Report Submitted to Council Last Evening.

DISCREPANCIES OF \$190

Expert Olcott Completes His Work and Offers Some Suggestions—Covers a Period of Over Eight Years.

The report of Expert Ben Olcott submitted to the council at its regular session last evening covers 55 pages of typewritten matter and is an exhaustive examination of the city records covering a period of approximately eight and one-fourth years, or from October 7, 1901, to January 1, 1910.

The report covers the administration of Mayor E. V. Hoover from October 7, 1901, to October 7, 1909; Mayor F. W. Haynes from October 5, 1909, to January 1, 1910; Recorder D. S. West from October 7, 1901, to October 5, 1903; Recorder H. L. Marsters from October 5, 1903, to April 3, 1905; Recorder A. N. Norrent from April 3, 1905, to January 1, 1910; Treasurer H. C. Stocum from October 7, 1901, to July 2, 1906; Treasurer E. B. Herrmann from July 2, 1906, to January 1, 1910.

Briefly stated the expert finds all cash and accounts correct and in order. He finds but ten cents error in cash records in the treasurer's office during the eight years' audit. Finds an error made by H. C. Stocum, treasurer, as overpayment on warrant of \$19; finds discrepancy in the police docket during the incumbency of H. L. Marsters amounting to \$26; and an error in issuing a duplicate warrant for \$150, when the original had already been paid. The total amount of errors and discrepancies during the eight years' audit, \$190.

Extracts from the Report.

Police Docket.—Find all money collected account of fines imposed, as stated therein, properly accounted for to the treasurer, with the exception of \$30. There appears to be a discrepancy of this amount between the amount of fines imposed and collected, as shown by this docket, and the amount received for by the treasurer. This difference of \$30 is distributed through various months of 1904 and was during the term of office of Mr. H. L. Marsters.

License Register.—I find a large number of payments for licenses have been made to the treasurer for which no license appears to have been issued. There is no provision made in the ruling of this book for date of entry of payment of license which renders it very difficult to check with the treasurer's record of moneys received, account of licenses. It only shows to whom issued, and date of expiration of license.

For the eight years covered in this audit there has been paid into the treasury account of licenses issued, the sum of \$56,709.77. There has been licenses issued during the same period to the amount of \$55,983.52, making a difference of \$1,618.45 more cash received than licenses issued. This overplus of \$1,618.45 representing more cash received than licenses issued as shown to be distributed during the following terms of office of the several recorders, as follows: D. S. West \$974.70

Attorney Neuner was requested to advise the council as to the proper method of proceeding to compel the owners to remove the buildings.

Quite an animated discussion ensued between Micell and Strong over the construction of the proposed central sewer. Micell recommended that the city pay one-half the construction of the sewer through the Salzman and W. S. Hamilton property. Strong opposed this motion on the ground that the city had offered to pay one-half the construction of the sewer only on consideration that all the property owners along the course of the proposed sewer grant to the city a right-of-way through their property for sewer purposes, and until this had been done, he was opposed to committing the city to such action. He doubted the legality of the proposition, anyway, he said. The matter was finally referred to the city attorney for his opinion.

On motion of Micell the city engineer was instructed to prepare new plans and specifications for the Mill-Short street sewer, and to submit the same to the council at its next regular session.

The bonding ordinance, authorizing the expenditure of \$40,000 for street paving, was put upon its first and second reading.

After the reading of expert Ben Olcott's report on the city records, on motion of Josephson, the expert's recommendations in regard to installing a new system of books for the city, were referred to the special committee with full power to adopt such recommendations as they deemed advisable, and to install such new record books as they saw fit.

The mayor advised that 50 copies of the expert's report be printed for circulation, and that the three city printing establishments be asked to submit bids for the printing of the same.

Table with 2 columns: Name, Amount. H. L. Marsters 401.25, A. N. Orcutt 242.50, Total \$1,618.45

The difference between the amounts actually received for licenses during the eight years, as shown by the cash book and receipts filed, and the amount of licenses actually issued, as shown by the license register, is explained by the fact that during this period many persons have done business on their receipt for license paid without exchanging the same for a license proper as provided by ordinance. The result to the city from a financial standpoint has been the same.

Treasurer's Office.—The treasurer has no ledger, keeping such accounts as he has had in the back part of the cash book. These accounts all apply to special funds. He has had no cash book for recording payments made him for these special funds, and in checking the account, I have had to use his duplicate receipts issued at the time payment was made. This has necessarily been tedious and cumbersome. No ledger accounts of any nature were kept by the city prior to 1905, so far as I know; and in this connection would say there is no account of record showing in the ledger the outstanding bonds of the City of Roseburg.

Find all warrants properly paid and entered by the treasurer with the exception of warrant No. 697, of date August 5, 1902, in amount \$470.40, drawn to Sykes & Carroll, and paid April 6, 1904. The interest computed and allowed on this warrant was \$47.04. In paying warrant, treasurer made a mistake in addition of \$10, making payment in total of \$527.44 when it should have been \$517.44.

I find a duplicate warrant issued after the original had been paid. This is warrant No. 388 of date January 18, 1901, payable to the Roseburg Water Co., and in amount \$150. This became paid July 20, 1903, and with interest of \$20.57, amounted to the sum of \$170.57. Duplicate for this warrant was issued January 8, 1910, to the Roseburg Water Co., and in amount \$150.

Among the outstanding warrants you will notice one for \$1,000 drawn on the general fund, January 17, 1905, payable to Bridges & Margers, May 7, 1906, the council instructed the treasurer not to pay this warrant out of the general fund, but only out of the special Mill-Pine Sewer fund. There is now in this fund the sum of \$717.79.

The city is paying 6 per cent interest on above \$1,000 warrant, which now has been outstanding five years, with accrued interest at this date of something like \$300, and is receiving no benefit whatever from the \$717 to the credit of the fund and lying idle in the bank.

Have checked the final estimates of the city engineer upon which payments were made to the Warren Construction Company for the 1909 paving and find all payments made correctly, in accordance therewith, with the exception of two small errors, amounting to 52 cents.

Have been unable to make a check of the dog license money collected and turned in from the fact that I found no record of the city marshal to check from.

Recommendations.—I would suggest that you continue as now in regard to having but the one fund, and that the general, but would keep separate or sub-division accounts thereunder, and record them as city improvements, fire and water account. (Continued on page 2.)

LOCOMOTIVE FIREMEN

25,000 Strong Strike for Increased Pay.

WALKOUT IS DELAYED

General Managers of the Railroads Involved Refuse Demands—Federal Intervention is Only Hope to Avert Trouble.

(Special to the Evening News) CHICAGO, March 15.—Although the general strike of the 25,000 locomotive firemen has been called by the officials of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, it appears probable today that the actual walkout of the men will not be ordered before the end of the present week. This delay is for the purpose of allowing the Pacific Coast union officials who have been in attendance at the conference here, to reach home in order to direct operations there, but the date that the order shall become effective will be announced late this evening. The decision to call a general strike was reached at midnight yesterday following the rejection by the general managers of the railroads to accept the proposition made by the trainmen. Apparently the only hope left of preventing the strike is that of federal intervention. The railways have telegraphed a request to Chairman Knapp of the Interstate Commerce commission and Labor Commissioner Nell to act as mediators. The men have demanded a general increase of 12 1-2 per cent. Among the lines affected are the Southern Pacific, Oregon Short Line, O. R. & N., Union Pacific, Northern Pacific, Great Northern and the Milwaukee.

CITY GETS \$2,000 OUT OF THE FIGHT

(Special to the Evening News) OAKLAND, Cal., March 15.—The preliminary legal requirements which were necessary to permit Jeffries and Johnson to fight at Emeryville, were cleared away today, following the action of the town trustees last night in fixing the license for the pugilistic encounter at \$2,000. In view of this action there will be no opposition to the fight on the part of the city.

MISSOURI RIVER IS ON RAMPAGE

(Special to the Evening News) BISMARCK, S. D., March 15.—Floods are sweeping the lowlands along the Missouri river in this section today. The river steamer Expansion was wrecked this morning. While the streets of Mandan are under water, it is believed that there will be no loss of life on account of the floods.

THE NOVELTY THEATRE. Extraordinary vaudeville engagement. A double bill for TWO NIGHTS—MONDAY and TUESDAY 4---STARS---4. The Howard Sisters in clever singing and dancing. This Act s A-1. ORTON and LEOTA—On request of those visiting our place all last week, they have concluded to remain and will surely please our patrons with an entire change of acts and create a roar of laughter in every line. Act: Regan's Visit Direct from Ireland. Picture Program—The Incubator, from the egg to the spitt life of the chicken. It is Great. A kask of old wine; comedy. The power of the Press. Popular Prices

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