

WILL BE A GREAT EVENT

Strawberry Carnival to Eclipse All Former Events

COMMITTEES ARE HARD AT WORK

Arranging Minute Details Connected With Festival—Freight Rates Again Discussed By The Commercial Club.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Roseburg Commercial Club last evening the freight rate question was discussed at some length, but the chairman of the committee, Joseph Miceli, appointed at a recent meeting of the club, being H. R. E. Smith stated no action had been taken. The latter said however, the committee was anxious to dispose of the question in a satisfactory way and that a meeting of the local shippers would be held at an early date and the freight rate question thoroughly delved into and a line of action planned. Attorney C. S. Jackson addressed the gathering and explained in plain language the great discrepancy between long and short hauls on the Southern Pacific and where Roseburg was "getting off", and declared that without an adjustment of the present rates it was impossible for the Umpqua Valley to enjoy the benefits of its many resources but on the contrary, would be "bottled up" until such time as the railroad interests wished to "take off the lid." No action was taken further than giving to the committee already appointed full authority to expend such sum of money as they deemed just to be properly represented at the hearing at Washington, D. C., the latter part of this month.

a communication having been received by the club from the Business Men's League, of Salem, urging the local organization to co-operate with it in a fight against unjust rates.

The Strawberry Carnival, Under the head of "new business" R. E. Smith called the attention of the club members to the coming strawberry festival, which will eclipse any similar event in the history of Southern Oregon. During a recent visit to Portland Mr. Smith took the opportunity to interview many business men there, with the result that it is expected fully five hundred people will come to Roseburg on Portland day, Thursday, May 11, and that a one way fare for the round trip will be given by the Southern Pacific Company on this day. It was the sense of all present at last evening's meeting that the various committees in charge of the carnival be given hearty support and all possible assistance to make the oncoming event one most successful and enjoyable to all who attend.

Executive Committee Meets. About the liveliest "bunch" connected with the strawberry carnival is the executive committee composed of a boy of real "live wire" artists whose duty it is to direct all matters pertaining to the festival, and among whom no faulting one is found. They are all there with the "goods"—done up in large and small packages—and make no exception to the rule of "handing" any of their brother members a "lemon" should be present a proposition that would in any way divert attention from the special issue—the Strawberry Carnival. This committee is completely "wrapped up" with the success of the event and with the assistance of the painstaking and untiring committees from the Ladies Auxiliary are diligently striving, and leaving nothing undone, whereby a pleasing incident may be added to the three days' festivities.

Many matters were discussed at a (Continued on Page Two.)

EGGS COOKED IN SOUP

Commercial Club Gives Restaurants Severe Drubbing.

THEY ARE BAD ADVERTISEMENT

Traveling Public "Pinched" On Rates Charged, Among the Allegations Made—Committee Will Investigate.

"R-o-t-t-e-n!" "F-l-a-s-h!" "A deplorable condition!" "Why, they even cook eggs in soup, down there." "And the price, why they simply 'size' you up, and if the car-marks of a sucker crop out, the charges for the grub dispensed is 'sald up' to the highest notch." "If you don't pay according to the 'sliding scale' you're liable to get your optic closed." They're a rough bunch, and a decided detriment to the city of Roseburg.

These and many more equally as strong allegations were applied to those restaurants in the vicinity of the depot that make it a rule to cater to the traveling public when, at the regular meeting of the Commercial Club last evening, H. T. McClallen called the attention of the members to what he termed the greatest "black eye" Roseburg was receiving from every visitor to the city, especially those who pass through on trains going north and south and stop here a few moments to get a lunch—or an "imitation of a square meal," as some expressed themselves.

Health Officer Houck, who was present, said the health committee could see that the places were kept clean and sanitary, but could not interfere with the prices charged or

the kind of food served. He, like many others, knew the city was receiving a class of advertising from these restaurants that would do it more injury than any other means that could possibly be employed.

Others remarked that it was a common thing to hear people who had dined at one or the other of these places tell their experiences which, to say the least, were quite thrilling and would make the fellow whose inner man was not lined with the proper material for receiving the "goods" take on a bad case of dyspepsia. The Southern Pacific Company also protests against these restaurants and is anxious that some remedy be applied.

After a greater part of the members present had offered their testimony in reference to the alleged deplorable conditions existing and the disagreeable effects to the city at large from an advertising standpoint, J. D. Zurecher moved that a committee be appointed to thoroughly investigate the complaints made, court the co-operation of the Southern Pacific officials, and if possible, arrange for the installation of a first-class eating house in the vicinity of the depot for the accommodation of the traveling public, where for a reasonable price, a good and wholesome meal could be had. The committee consists of F. E. Alley, chairman, J. D. Zurecher and C. W. Clark.

A thorough inspection will be made by the committee and the result of their findings will be reported at a future meeting of the club.

The ladies of the M. E. church will give an experience social on Tuesday evening, April 11 at eight o'clock in the church, each lady is to contribute one dollar and tell how she has earned it. This will be amusing as well as edifying. A number of excellent musical selections will be given, also readings. Delicious refreshments served. The gentlemen are urged to contribute. All are most cordially invited. No admission charged. dsw-11

FRANCHISE IS OPPOSED

Councilman Josephson Leads the "Conservatives"

FRANCHISE GIVEN SEVERE JOLT

Councilman Josephson Says That Life of Franchise Is Unreasonable—Would Restrict Time 10 or 15 Years.

Roseburg's opportunity to obtain a \$30,000 gas plant encountered another flimsy obstacle at last evening's meeting of the city council, when Councilman S. S. Josephson declared himself opposed to granting the franchise as submitted by W. F. Boardman & Company, of San Francisco, and asked that action be deferred on the same for the present, or at least, until such time as the committee to whom it was originally referred could meet with the officials of the petitioning company and ascertain whether or not they would concede to furnish gas for an amount less than \$1.50 per thousand cubic feet, as specified in the franchise.

Hardly had the city recorder called attention to the impending franchise, when Mayor Haynes glanced at Councilman Josephson, as if to say "Get busy". Josephson was "wise" and immediately responded to the music of others in opposition to the franchise.

"I do not believe that we should take any action on this franchise tonight," said Councilman Josephson, "for the reason that there is considerable dissatisfaction manifest relative to the time it is to run and to the price that is to be charged for gas. I do not think that we should grant W. F. Boardman & Co. or any other company, a franchise for a term of fifty years, and allow them to charge the sum of \$1.50 per thousand feet for gas as specified in the franchise under discussion. Possibly the company cannot afford to furnish gas for a lesser rate than \$1.50 per thousand cubic feet at the present time, but as the town grows and fuel becomes cheaper the expense of the product should be reduced accordingly. I contend that we will be criticized in the event we grant the franchise in its present form, and for that reason, if no other, I would suggest that it be referred to the original committee for further investigation. The members of this committee can meet with the officials of the petitioning gas company, and it may be possible that they will concede to reduce the cost of the product materially."

Councilman Josephson was emphatic in his declarations, and upon more than one occasion suggested that the franchise be re-referred and not placed to a vote of the council. "We should not vote down this franchise tonight," said Councilman Josephson, "but on the contrary we should refer it to the original committee." That Councilman Josephson is backed in his fight against the present franchise by at least two members of the council is quite evident, and cannot be disputed. One of these men is Councilman Joseph Miceli, whom Josephson declared "would stand with him." Miceli was unable to attend last evening's meeting of the council, but notwithstanding, his position was explained by Councilman Josephson as the latter was leaving the council chamber.

Josephson's motion to refer the franchise was seconded by Councilman Sykes, and upon being placed to a vote, carried. It is also reported that Mayor

Haynes is opposed to the franchise in its present form, and that he will veto the ordinance in the event a franchise is granted for more than 10 years. It is said that the mayor considers the price of gas too high, and for that reason is of the opinion that the company's freedom of the streets should be restricted to a reasonable time.

In the event W. F. Boardman refuses to meet the concessions demanded by Josephson, it is possible that the franchise will fall beneath the official axe at the next meeting of the council. It is a well known fact that Councilmen Josephson and Miceli would quite an influence over certain councilmen, and as a rule, are victorious in all propositions undertaken. Whether they will be able to carry their point in the present controversy, however, remains a conjecture, and the result will not be known until the vote is registered. On the other hand, should W. F. Boardman & Company concede to grant the concessions asked, the franchise will probably be granted. It is probable that Councilman Josephson and Miceli will battle for \$1.40 cent gas, and the granting of a franchise restricted to 10 years.

The Plumbing Ordinance.

A plumbing ordinance of even greater length than Roseburg's so-called "health ordinance" was submitted to the consideration of the council at last evening's meeting. The ordinance contains several pages of typewritten copy, and is considered quite stringent by local plumbers who have been given an opportunity to investigate its contents. Not only does the ordinance provide the manner of plumbing, but further specifies that an inspector shall be appointed. It shall be the duty of this inspector to examine all work, and determine whether or not it is done in compliance with the ordinance. According to the ordinance the inspector shall receive a fee of 50 cents for each fixture inspected when the number does not exceed six. For inspecting each fixture in excess of six the inspector shall receive the sum of 25 cents. The cost of inspection shall be paid by the master plumber, and consequently he will be compelled to figure his contracts accordingly.

Al Croason, who was present at the meeting, protested against the fees specified in the ordinance, and contended that they were exorbitant and out of reason. "The plumbing inspector should not receive one cent more than the electric light inspector," said Croason, "inasmuch as his work will involve no more skill or time. I consider the fees specified in the ordinance out of reason, and an imposition on the people. The ordinance will come up for its third reading at the next regular meeting of the city council."

Weights and Measures.

Determined that the people of Roseburg shall receive a square deal at the hands of the merchants, Councilman Mullen, otherwise termed "Roseburg's grand old man," again brought up the proposition of appointing an inspector of weights and measures at last evening's meeting of the city council. Councilman Mullen said that such an official was necessary, and accordingly advanced a motion authorizing the city attorney to compile an ordinance creating such an office. Instead of having one inspector as is the rule in a majority of towns, Councilman Mullen desires a committee, consisting of three inspectors, who shall serve without pay. When placed to a vote Mullen's motion carried, and the day of the weights and measures inspector can be considered near at hand.

Minor Matters.

The city engineer reported that he had completed the plans and (Continued on Page Two.)



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