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**INTERESTING EVENTS  
OF THE DAY.**

Insurance statistics show that over 75 per cent of all accidents occur at or near the closing hours of the day's work. They deduce from this the conclusion that as the day advances, the mind becomes inert and less watchful of those details that go to make safety. As proof that this idea can be carried out still further, we note the case of the autoist, who has just completed a motor trip from California across the country, arriving at New Jersey the final destination without any tire trouble or accident of any nature, but when within one hour of his home, ran over and killed a small child.

Our next door neighbor, the hunting city of Medford, is going to pull off a pretty good advertising stunt in the next month, as we note by the press dispatches that they are to have a game of base ball, played by the globe-circling teams of the National League. There must be a good sized bunch of rattling enthusiastic fans there. We wonder if Dick Bush and some others of the local prodigies of the great game could not induce them to stop over in Roseburg and put through a few hot ones as samples for next year.

A New York Eugenics society is going to try the practical plan of improving the human race, and are preparing a contest to select a number of perfect couples, and the first pair of those selected to get married will get \$500 and another like sum will be given upon the birth of the first child. This is nothing especially new, for we are under the impression that such a couple once started out in a place called the Garden of Eden.

In order to make the results sure and certain an aviator in Algiers this week ascended 2,000 feet and there shot himself through the brain.

There are now good evenings to sit around a cozy fire and read the full account of the struggles and hardships that Dr. Cook went through before reaching his goal of the North Pole, and of the tremendous difficulties of the return trip. Cut out one of the coupons in the Daily Issues of the News, bring it and 70 cents to this office and get a copy of this interesting narrative of how something was accomplished after years of endeavor by the world's most famous explorers.

From reports coming through Washington sources, and giving the doings of Congress this week, it almost looked as though there might be a clash of arms between some of the notable members from the South, when Representative Underwood and Hobson, both from Alabama, hurled epithets about Wall street at each other. The fact that they are both candidates for the vacant senatorship from that state, may somewhat explain the belligerency.

There is nothing assuring about the dispatches being received regarding the affairs in Mexico and our administration's efforts to clarify them. Indeed, from the tenor of these that are given out, it would look as though the situation was becoming more and more strained from day to day, and it may be any moment that they become the all absorbing topic and have all the head lines in the papers.

New York business men and others who make daily trips on the elevated and subway trains, are up in revolt against the rules that prohibit smoking on the cars, and have presented a monster petition to the officials of the lines demanding that certain cars be set apart for this purpose. The petition was signed by over 70,000 patrons whose trips each day takes from 30 to 45 minutes to make.

Do you, Mr. Citizen, belong to the Roseburg Commercial Club? If you don't, do not pass up one of the cards that will no doubt be presented to you in a short time, to associate yourself with this most worthy and essential organization. The very fact of your belonging will strengthen the resolution of some other man who is wavering, or has simply been careless and neglectful.

**BORN**

CURRY—To Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Curry, in Roseburg, on Tuesday, Oct. 14, a daughter.

WANTED—Married man wants any kind of work near city. Address News, 1922-o22p

WANTED—A buggy. Call at Morley Brothers' Grocery, Sheridan street, Saturday, Oct. 18. o18-p

FOR RENT—Furnished housekeeping rooms. Call at 302 W. Washington street. No children. 1924-1f

**HOBBO PROBLEM**

Discussed by City Councilmen Last Night.

**SPECIAL OFFICER IS APPOINTED**

Numerous Ordinances Are Placed on Third Reading and Adopted—Sidewalk Complaints Are Considered—Other Business.

The proposition of handling the hobo situation consumed the greater part of the time allotted to the transaction of business at last evening's meeting of the city council.

The matter was brought to the attention of the council by Councilman Wright, who said the town was at present overrun by the hobo element. To rid the town of this class of tourists, Councilman Wright urged the appointment of two special officers. Councilman Wright said Roseburg was the only town along the main line of the Southern Pacific railroad where the hobos were allowed to congregate without any apparent fear of the officers. "We should keep these fellows adrift," said Councilman Wright, "regardless of the expense that it may incur."

Mayor Miceli agreed that the hobo element was a nuisance, but how to get rid of them was a question that had puzzled his brain for a quarter of a century.

"The hoboes probably bother me as much as they do anyone in town," said the mayor, "and I would be delighted to have them driven from town. If I have furnished them one stick of wood I have given them at least 100 cords during my residence in this city. When they can't find anything else they burn my wheelbarrows and other implements about my place."

Councilman Zurcher said he had been bothered by hoboes for some time past, and that only recently one of them attempted to enter his home. On account of this incident Councilman Zurcher said he missed a show for which he had paid two dollars a seat.

Marshal Fenton said the city would have no trouble in handling the hobo nuisance in the event they would arrange a rock pile. Mayor Miceli agreed with Fenton and declared that work was the only enemy of this class of citizens.

City Engineer Hicks said he believed it would be a wise thing to round up about twenty of their number and place them at work grading the parking on South Jackson street. It was Mr. Hick's belief that the work could be done in this manner cheaper than otherwise.

Mayor Miceli came back at Mr. Hicks in stating that the average hobo would consume 75 cents worth of feed a day, while his services would not exceed 10 cents.

Recorder Wimberly also joined in the discussion, stating that upon one occasion a hobo even went so far as to steal a shovel which had been loaned him while at work.

Following the discussion, Mayor Miceli was authorized to employ an additional officer, whose sole duty it will be to rid the town of tramps. Mayor Miceli said he would probably engage Dave McClelland, who was most efficient in this particular line of work.

Magnin Brothers were granted extension of time, terminating on November 10, in which to complete the improvement of Vista and Overlook avenues.

Mayor Miceli mildly opposed the extension of time on the grounds that the contractors should be more careful in setting their time of completing contracts when bidding. The mayor said the engineer's force was quite expensive, and that the work should be executed as fast as possible in all cases.

Mrs. Robert Ashworth complained relative to the condition of the sidewalks abutting the Lane property on Washington street. The matter was referred to the committee on city improvements. Upon suggestion of this committee the marshal was instructed to notify the owners of walks on the street mentioned to repair the same at once or rebuild new ones.

The bond of the city treasurer was fixed at \$5,000, while the bond of the recorder was placed at \$2,000. In each instance they must be of the surety variety, the city to stand the expense of the same.

The petition of J. W. Hamilton, asking that he be allowed to construct five foot sidewalks flush with the curb, on either side of Chadwick street, Vista avenue and Overlook avenue was returned by the city improvement committee last evening. The committee asked that that part of the petition referring to five foot sidewalks be denied and that Mr. Hamilton be compelled to construct standard walks of six feet in width. The remainder of the petition was granted.

Councilman Strong, of the city improvement committee, said he had investigated the remonstrance of property owners on North Jackson street protesting against the construction of new sidewalks, and had found many of their walks to be in good condition at the present time. Councilman Strong said that several new walks were in course of construction, while others were being repaired. The remonstrances were re-referred to the city improvement committee.

Engineer Hicks registered the following complaints:

One—That the board of leading from the western approach of the Lane street bridge was in bad condition and should be repaired.

Two—That many of the gutters on East Lane, South Jackson and South Main streets were continually glut-

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ted by dirt, which rendered them unserviceable.

Three—That Oak street was in bad condition and should have a grade established thereon without delay.

The first complaint was referred to the street improvement committee with power to act.

The second complaint was referred to the city marshal who was instructed to notify property owners abutting the gutters in question to remove piles of dirt now existing on their property. In removing this dirt the engineer contended that future difficulty with the gutters would be eliminated.

The third complaint was passed upon upon suggestion of the mayor, who said other entanglements of more importance at present confronted the council.

A committee composed of Councilmen Zurcher, Bullwinkle and Fullerton was appointed to re-arrange the interior of the recorder's office so as to accommodate the newly elected city treasurer.

The Clark & Henry Construction Company was allowed the sum of \$1,533.13, in final payment for the

**BIG PRUNE CROP.**

A. H. Carson, commissioner of horticulture with headquarters at Medford, stopped over in Roseburg last evening while enroute home after a few days spent at Portland. Mr. Carson is authority for the statement that the prune crop of Douglas county was larger this year than ever before. According to figures computed by Mr. Carson, Douglas county this year produced 6,600,000 pounds of prunes, all of which sold at good prices. Mr. Carson says he is somewhat partial to Douglas county and never neglects to boost the opportunities and advantages found here.

improvement of South Jackson street, from Haynes to North Roberts street. The same company was allowed \$468.53, in final payment for the im-

provement of Oak street, from Kane to Chadwick street.

Ordinances placed on their third readings last night and adopted by the council follow:

Establishing of a grade and improvement of Winchester street, from Beacon street to the city limits.

Establishment of a grade on Watson street.

Amendment of an ordinance providing for the collecting of assessments resulting from the improvement of North Jackson street, from Second avenue south to Second avenue north.

It is understood here today that several persons have already applied for the position of chief-of-police under Mayor-elect Napoleon Rice. Among the applicants are B. Fenton, the present incumbent, Night Officer Chambers and T. J. Williams. It is also rumored that Deputy Sheriff Fred Stewart was an aspirant for the job, but this is denied by Mr. Stewart. Mayor-elect Rice refuses to give any intimation regarding his officers, and as a result announcements will probably be delayed until he formally assumes office.

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