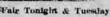
WEATHER



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COUNCIL MEETS

Special Session is Held Here Saturday Evening.

REMONSTRANCES HEARD BY COUNCIL

Majority of Objections are Denied-John Hunter Accuses Former Administrator With "Standing In" With S. P. Co'py

At a special neeting of the Roseburg City Council held last Saturday evening reports were received from the street committee dealing with the payment of assessments resulting remonstrances recently filed against streets within the boundaries of the from the improvement of certain er property owners objected to the municipality. In most instances the assessments were allowed to stand cost of the grading was excessive. as originally compiled, and were so adopted by the council.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Napoleon Rice, who in the brief address informed the spectators that the special session was held for the purpose of reaching a satisfactory agreement between the city and those who had remonstrated against the street improvement assessments. Mayor Rice explained that the improvements had been made and notwithstanding that some of the assessments appeared high, it was up to the taxpayers of the city to defray the bills. Mayor Rice defended the city engineer when he stated that although some technical errors had been made by that official, they were not intentional, nor had they been made with a view of burdening any particular taxpayer. Mayor Rice used those present to L. express themselves freely, and there- the assessment levied against her by act intelligently in the several matters at hand.

The first report submitted by the street committee pertained to the remonstrances filed by John Hunter time. and James Hildeburn against the assessments resulting from the improve" ment of Sheridan street. Councilman Walter Hamilton, who reported on these remonstrances, said the street committee had decided to disallow the remonstrance of John Hunter and allow the objection of Mr. Hildeburn. According to the report Mr. Hildeburn's assessment will be reduced about \$40. This amount will be added to the assessment of Mr. Hunter, Mr. Hildeburn remonstrated against the assessment for the reason that considerable plain, Mr. Patterson said he considmoney was spent in moving and oth- ered the Mill street assessment exerwise improving the Southern Pacific aldetrack on Sheridan street, they found Mr. Hildeburn's complaint prolonged discussion, just, and consequently a reduction

of the assessment was authorized. John Hunter, who was present at ments in the city for the reason that the meeting, notified the council that the property owners were at present be would refuse to pay the assess-overburdened with taxes, "Much of he would refuse to pay the assessment until such time as the contenfor of the city had been sustained by the courts. Hunter intimated Councilman Fullerton, "and I, for that the work of removing the sidetrack was done without his permis- ments. Of course, the improvements sion or consent and at a cost of sev- already made have been paid for by

council and was so reported. Mr. Wimberly, who was present at the Wimberly, who was present at the meeting, said A. J. Lawrence and Roberta Howard, property owners on Glenn street, had agreed to pay \$103 for additional tiling auth-Nearly All the Victims Promiorized after the original plans and specifications for the improvement of the street had been adopted. The council voted to reassess the property involved, after charging \$102 which GOVERNOR COLQUITT DENIES INVASION

was the bone of contention in the re monstrance, against Mr. Howard and Mr. Lawrence.

Reporting on the remonstrances filed against the assessments on Reservoir Avenue, the street committee said they had decided to eliminate the assessment charge against single lot owned by Dr. A. F. Sether,

and disallow the other objections. Dr. Sether remonstrated against the are dead and several still unaccountassessments levied against two of ed for, while scores were injured in his lots, on the grounds that his, a fire which destroyed the Missouri property was damaged, rather than Athletic Club Building before daybenefitted by the improvement. Othlight this morning. Among the dead are John W. Rickey, of St. Paul, assessments on the grounds that the auditor of the Ford Motor Co.; S. F. Kessler, and James Riley. Rickey After eliminating the assessment levied against a single lot owned by Dr. A. F. Sether., and disallow the other objections. Dr. Sether rewas cremated in his room while Riley was killed in jumping from the fourth floor. It is expected that more corpses will be found when the monstrated against the assessments

ruins cool sufficiently for search. levied against two of his lots, on the The heroism of N. Roe, a phone opground that his property was damerator, saver hundreds of lives. aged rather than benefitted by the stuck at his post sending calls to improvement. Other property ownguests until the fire disconnected the ers objected to the assessments on the grounds that the cost of the grading wires. was excessive. After eliminating the to safety on ropes hastily constructed of bed sheets. All of the vicassessment levied against one of the lots owned by Dr. Sether, the council tims, with the exception of two, who decided to reasses the property benewere club attendants, were prominent in the business world. Seven fitted.

The remonstrance of Mrs. Beyers bodies have so far been recovered of Portland, who objected to the asfrom the ruins. sessment levied against her property on Pine street, was denied without ceremony. nor Colquitt today positively denied

A remonstrance filed by Mrs A. Patterson, protesting against place the council in a position to property on Mill street, was denied Councilman Hamilton said he realized that the assessment against Mrs. Patterson's property was high, but that it could not be remedied at this A remonstrance of Fred Clark, who asked that his front footage on Mill street be reduced from 80 to 76 feet, was disallowed. The additional four feet charged against Mr Clark's property will be added to the assessment of Mrs. Mary O'

Neal: Mr. Patterson was present at the meeting and asked the council for information as to why the assessment against his property on Mill stret assessment exceeded the levied against his property on Mill street street. While not desiring to comcessive and out of reason.

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ROSEBURG, DOUGLAS COUNTY, OREGON

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Alleges Rangers Did Not Go On

Expedition to Mexico-Friends

Of Dead Man Recov-

cred Body.

(Special to The Evening News.)

ST. LOUIS, March 9 .- Nineteen

Twenty or more slid down

Denies Rangers Invaded Mexico.

that Texas Rangers invaded Mexico

yesterday to recover the body of

Vergara, a Texas rancher, who had

out of reason. It was Mr. Diller's

contention that the property owners

would never be satisfied with such

It is understood here today that

will refuse to pay their as-

These Japanese Commissioners

the property owners on at least two

sessments pending such time as the

courts can determine the legality of

an assessment

streets

the levies.

AUSTIN, Tex., March 9 .- Gover-

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been murdered by Mexican federals. IS HELD IN JAIL Friends of the dead man, the governor alleged, made the trlp across the horder, disenterred the body, and turned it over to Texan authorities

Torreon Attacked. MEXICO CITY, March 9 .- Mexican rebel forces attacked Torreon today according to official dispatches received by the war ministry. Two hundred federal troops were sent from the capital to strengthen the garrison. News was also received here that rebel troops had dynamited a passenger train at Hornos, killing a dozen prominent people. The sur vivors of the wrecked train fled,



S. A. Kendall, of Pittsburg, Pa. arrived here yesterday and is today taking in the improvements made in Roseburg since his last visit about two years ago. Mr. Kendall, togeth er with his brother, formerly owned the local water and light plant which was sold last July to A. Welsh, of Portland. The Kendalls still own large timber holdings east of Rose burg but Mr. Kendall would not state that his visit here at this time has anything to do with these timber He says that times are holdings. improving in the east. "Conditions generally are improving throughout the country. Money is easier and the passage of the currency bill has replaced confidence in business and the large manufacturers are rushed to capacity to fill orders. It is likely that the interstate commerce com mission will permit Eastern railroads to raise their freight rate five per ent and with this increase it is more than probable that railroad exten sion work will begin again in real

earnest," said Mr. Kendall.

n account of \$127.75.

most of the linen and efforts made apparently to disguise the goods as The Douglas Creditors Association much as possible. It appears also filed today an inventorled statement that part of the goods were about of account from Snyder & Co., of to be sold as the name of a well Glendale, Oregon, against H. S. Kin-ney in which they claim a balance known Oakland woman was



WASHINGTON, March 9 .- The moment that Secretary of State Bryan | Vergara's seigure by federals. A sefrom President Wilson, ritory Sunday, for the recovering of cution and burial of Vergara.

LAREDO, Tex., March S .- Texas

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No. 105

Mexican Surrender^ed Body.

ity of Hidalgo.

Oakland Man Alleged to be

Implicated.

SHIPMENT OF GOODS TO SETTLE

Leatherwood is in Jail-Alleger

Stolen Merchandise Inventor-

ied by Ralph TerrellToday

-Valued at \$126.50.

In speaking of the arrests of thos

alleged to be implicated in the theft

of goods from the Fleischner, Mayer

& Co., store, of Portland, Oregon,

"The arrests were made just too

late too prevent a big shipment of

stolen linens, says the constable.

Bob Leatherwood sent out on the

Southern Pacific yesterday, accord-

ing to the information of the Con-

stable, five big cases of linens, con-

signed to E. L. Settle, of Oakland,

Ore., the goods being valued at \$2,

000 or \$3,000. The bills of lading

were found among his effects and

Culloch has gone to Oakland to make

the arrest of Settle and to recover

The goods were confiscated, how

ever before they reached Settle and

Leatherwood is now in jail in Port-

where he has lived for many years.

Stolen Goods Inventoried,

to have been stolen from Fleischner,

The labels were removed from the

wholesale value of \$126.50.

Ralph Terrill, of Roseburg, today

Leatherwood is well known

the goods."

land.

the Evening Telegram says:

Highest Temperature - - 63 Lowest Temperature - - 50

AUSTIN, Tex., March 9 .- Captain Saunders, leader of the troop of Texas Rangers who received the body of Clemente Vergara, when it was brought over the border Saturday night, telephoned Governor Colquitt that the corpse was turned over to him by Mexican federals. Neither Sanders or his men, so he alleged, crossed the border. Mexican federals notified him that they would surrender the body if he would go to a point on the border opposite the town or Hidalgo. Accordingly he went there, and the body was turned over to him as agreed. Sanders said that de did not know the names of any of the men in the party. Governor Colquitt immediately notified President Wilson of the facts in the mattor.

Vergara Was Tortured

Vergara was shot twice through the head and once through the neck, his skull was crushed as by a blow from a rifle butt and the charred fingers of the left hand indicated that he had been tortured before being put to death.

Identification was made by Vergara's son and by numerous friends, many of whom were in the party of today Deputy Constable James Mcnine, led by the state border patrol. which made the grim journey to the Hidalgo cemetery during the early morning hours today.

In addition to recognizing the features. young Vergara took a bit of cloth from the trousers on the body and matched it to the coat his father in Oakland, which is his home and wore the day he crossed the Rio Grande. The body was brought into the United States at a point 45 miles north of Laredo, opposite Hidalgo, and near the Vergara ranch. Ameriinventoried the supposedly stolen can Consul Garrett, Nuevo Laredo, goods found in the residence of Eddeputy sherrifs and other authorities ward Settle, of Oakland, and alleged were walting to receive it and pending the arrival of an undertaker from Mayer Co. of Portland. There were 16 dozen linen sheets, of a total Laredo an armed force stood guard over the body.

Vergara left his ranch near Bala-fox, Texas, Friday, February 13, and crossed the river into Mexico on a message from three federal soldiers that Captain Apoliono Rodriguez, of the Hidalgo garrison, wished to settle for 11 horses taken from Vergara's island pasture in the Rio Grande.

Wife Visits Husband

On the following day Mrs. Vergara went in search of her husband and found him in the Hidalgo Jail. As far as known there was no charge against him. He had been cruelly beaten, according to his wife, She. dressed the wounds, she said, and rest mained with him until forced to leave. That was the last time she ever saw him alive, for early next morning he was taken from the Jail, supposedly to be transferred to Piedras Negras, and disappeared.

Secret Investigation Made

Recovery of the body was made by a force of Texans, including friends of Vergara, acting with a troop of Texas Rangers and Captain Saunderse who have been investigating for Governor Colquitt the circumstances of reached his private office this morn-ing he found a summons awaiting Mexicans had been questioned, is unwho derstood to have produced the trip wished to confer with him regarding into Mexico. Leading the force was the raid of Texans into Mexican ter- a man who said he saw both the exe-The

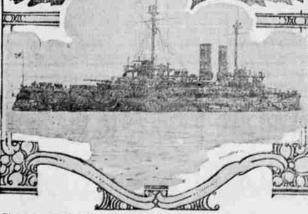
eral hundred dollars. Hunter said the city, and I cannot see how the be notified the Southern Pacific company in writing that they would be billity. In the future, however, I obliged to pay the expense of mov-ling the track in the event such was with a problem as faces us here to-necessary. Briefly, Mr. Hunter ac-night."

creased a former administration of the city with standing in with the Southern Pacific ratiroad company mittee in levying the assessments to the detriment of the property own- against the property involved in the ers on Sheridan street. accoral improvements. Councilman

The remonstrances of Mrs, E. L. Fullerton said the committee was de-Giles, et al, and Mrs. Lucy Engles. linquent in this regard, and there in which they objected to the assess- was a question in his mind whether ments levied against the property the interest accumulating against abutting Spring street, were denied the various properties was collectable. without prolonged discussion.

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CTIVITY on the part of the Japanese in Mexican affairs is reported to have interested the state department at Washington. While little notice is said to have been taken of the jingo talk arising out of the sending of arms to Mexico from Japan, still it is regarded as certain that Washington is fully informed of Japan's friendly attitude toward the Huerts government. An official commission from Japan has been in Mexico Investigating conditions, and a group picture of the nembers is water shown The Japanese battleship Vokuma, also shown, is stationed on the western coast the body of Ciemente Vergara, a force gathered near the Vergara. United States citizen and a Texas ranch, not far from the spot where rancher, who was executed by Huerta Vergara crossed the river to meet troops at Nuevo Laredo several days the Mexican federals, who promised Following Bryan's conferences remuneration for stolen horses. Mov with the executive it was learned that Ing sliently they began the overland the raid will be fully investigated by march of five miles to Hidalgo, the state department.

WORK ON PARKS STARTS

Mexico last night today brought to Councilman Clark Gets North Side Parking Under Way Today of Ciemente Vergara, Texas rancher,

Councilman C. W. Clark this morntion after he was seized by Mexican ing saw his efforts grow into a reality when work on the North The rangers were not opposed, ac Parking began in earnest. Graders complishing their search without the are today at work and it is predicted dightest violence, taking the body that within a short time the parking from a grave in Hidalgo cemetery almost within sight of the Texas bordbetween the streets will be presentable. Ever since the streets were The seizure was divested of pospaved parking has been an eyesore sibly grave aspects in international complications by reason of the fact to the city.

Judge Hamilton today made an oring use of permission granted officially by Mexican federal authorities der confirming the sale by the sheriff several days ago for the recovery of of certain property involved in the the body. This permission had been case of John Reynolds vs. Frank given to United States Consul Gar- Wanamaker, Charles Allen and Henrett at Nuevo Laredo, but he did not ry Campbell.