

CITY COUNCIL HOLDS LENGTHY SESSION

City Engineer Reports Roots of Trees Breaking Through Pavement.

TO REMODEL FIRE HALL

Rooms Will Be Built and Club Will Be Fitted Up So That Members of the Fire Department Can Be Near Apparatus.

As it was the first of the month and also the first meeting after a two-weeks vacation the city council met last night and had a very busy, argumentative, and lengthy session. The entire council was present for the first time for many weeks, as they have been taking their vacations singly during the spring and summer.

The first matter to be considered was the petition of E. H. Lenox and J. Cordon that the proposed sewer for East Lane street be extended on Glenn street through the property of R. G. Hall, W. H. Park and E. H. Lenox, following the natural water course there so as to accommodate the residents living further up the hill. As the petition had only two signatures it was not acted upon, but left in the hands of the health and police committee to report at the next meeting.

Trees Breaking Pavement.

City Engineer L. G. Hicks reported that at the corner of Washington and Kane streets that the roots of some cottonwood trees had broken through the pavement in a number of places, and that some action should be taken to have them removed and the pavement repaired. The trees at this place were cut down some time ago, but were felled at a time when the sap was still in the roots so that they were caused to bud out again and have broken through the pavement in many places. The engineer recommended that the pavement be taken up in sections and that after the roots had been removed it could be replaced and with the addition of a couple of barrels of asphalt placed in first class condition. He also reported that between Mosher and Flood streets on the west side of Stephens that the sidewalk had settled and that there were places which were very dangerous to pedestrians and recommended that action be taken to have the obstructions chiseled down so as to present a smoother surface. In regard to the roots several of the councilmen held that it would be better to roll the pavement with a heavy roller, forcing the roots into place and then seal over the broken spots with tar until next year at which time it is believed the roots will have died and more permanent repairs can be made without disturbing the soil underneath the hard surface. The street committee was given power to act.

Protests Paving Intersection.

At a previous meeting the council ordered an ordinance to pave a strip a few feet wide at Railroad alley. At the time that the street was paved this intersection was overlooked and it is now proposed to pave it. Al Creason who will be the chief owner affected made a vigorous protest and stated that he would fight the assessment in court. He said he believed he could win out and that the city would be forced to pay the cost of the advertising and preparation of the plans which cost would amount to more than the actual paving work. The council took no action but asked that the city attorney give an opinion on the legality of the city's action in having the strip of paving laid.

Councilman Bullwinkle stated that Mrs. F. L. Owens had protested to him about a number of dogs in their neighborhood which were not kept

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Daily Weather Report

Fair Tonight and Wednesday.
Highest temp. yesterday 75
Lowest temp. last night 50

FAULTY MACHINERY SINKS BREMEN

Semi-Official Dispatches from Berne Give News of Disaster.

BERNE, Aug. 8.—Dispatches to this city said that the Berlin Tageblatt announced that the German submarine merchantman Bremen was sunk after having met with an accident to her machinery.

FITZPATRICK AND WIFE RETURN

Prof. F. C. Fitzpatrick and wife returned last night from Berkeley, where they have been attending summer school. They also made a short visit to Chicago where they have relatives. Mr. Fitzpatrick is principal of the local high school, while his wife holds a position in the grades.

CIGAR STORE CLOSES DOORS

The Roseleaf cigar store, conducted by Ross Goodman, today filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy with the court in Portland. The amount of the indebtedness is \$2100 and the assets are estimated at about \$700.

BIG INCREASE IS NOTED IN AUTOS

30,504 is Last License Issued By the Secretary of State.

OVER 3,000 MOTORCYCLES

This Year's Receipts Already Pass Entire Amount of Year 1915.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 8.—Receipts of the state automobile department of the Secretary of State's office for the first seven months of 1916 totaled \$132,944.50, as compared with \$198,881.50 for the entire twelve months of 1915.

A steady increase in the number of motor vehicles in Oregon is shown. Last year there were 23,585 automobiles and motorcycles. This year, with five months yet remaining, there are 30,504 automobiles registered and 2267 motorcycles.

The number of dealers who have taken out licenses this year is 266, as compared with 173 in 1915. Chauffeur registrations this year, numbering 3323, are less than in 1915, when 4131 were listed. This is believed accounted for by the fact that last year the operation of jitney busses reached its maximum and there has been a decrease in the number operated since that time.

Oregon's gain in motor vehicles of all classes in the last six years is effectively shown in the following, giving the number of the different years: 1911, 6428; 1912, 10,165; 1913, 13,957; 1914, 19,245; 1915, 26,747; 1916, 33,811.

PROFESSOR HORNER RETURNS HOME

Corvallis Instructor Returns From New England Trip.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Aug. 8.—Professor and Mrs. J. B. Horner arrived home yesterday from a visit of several weeks in the east, where Mr. Horner conducted a party of Oregonians over the historic and literary landmarks of several of the New England states.

In the party were Mrs. Ida B. Callahan, associate professor of English in the Agricultural College; Mrs. Elizabeth Bowerman, of Fossil, who will teach domestic science and art in eastern Oregon during the ensuing year, and Miss Vera Horner and Miss Pearl Horner, who are teachers in the public schools of Roseburg and Portland, respectively.

Mrs. Callahan stopped at Chicago on the return trip and the Misses Horner are in Yellowstone Park.

An auto load of young men from Portland passed through this city today on their way to Crater lake where they will enjoy a vacation.

CLEAVES PETITION IS LAID ON TABLE

Believed That Instructor and Superintendent Should First Reach Agreement.

STEPHENS INTERPOSES

Matter of Illuminated Clock is Discussed by Board and It is Believed That it Will Be Installed.

Believing that it would be impossible to restore harmony in the schools by the reinstatement of Rev. Cleaves as study hall teacher of the local high school without an agreement first being reached between him and the city superintendent, Mr. Hamlin, it was decided at the meeting of the school board last night to table the petition which was signed by Mr. Cleaves' friends.

The motion to table the petition was made by Director Buchanan, who in a short talk stated that he had carefully investigated the petition, but believed that the peace and harmony would not be restored even if a reinstatement were made. Few people, he said, realized the importance of subordination in the schools and the effect which would be created by granting the request of the petitioners. If Mr. Hamlin and Mr. Cleaves could reach an agreement and settle the difficulties between themselves, he stated that it would be a simple matter to reinstate the instructor to his former position, but until such a reconciliation was accomplished he did not believe it for the best interest of the schools to act on the petition. He then made a motion to lay the document on the table. Directors Billard, Buchanan and Newland voting in favor of the motion and Stephens against. Dr. Miller as chairman had no vote. This practically settles the matter as far as the school board is concerned as it does not intend to take any further action until a peaceful settlement is reached between the two men. The matter has dragged along for considerable time and has caused a great deal of feeling in the city; the petition for Mr. Cleaves' reinstatement having been signed by about a thousand residents.

Other business matters pertaining to the construction of the High school building were considered. Architect White broached the matter of an illuminated clock but no action was taken. It was talked over for a short time by the board and most of the members seemed to agree that it would be a nice feature and it is very probable that the change may be made.

Miss Anna Ferguson, one of the most popular teachers in the public schools requested a leave of absence for one year in order that she might attend college for a year. The request was granted.

HAS NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH

R. B. Mathews Struck and Nearly Run Over by Heavy Automobile.

R. B. Mathews had a very narrow escape from serious injury and possible death this morning when he was struck by a large automobile. He was crossing the street from the Central Pharmacy to the People's Supply Company when he happened to notice the auto coming toward him. The driver started to turn the corner, but instead of putting his foot on the accelerator and the machine shot forward. Mr. Mathews happened to turn just as the car struck him. Acting instinctively he grasped the headlight and was pushed forward until the machine struck the curb.

He was uninjured but shaken considerably as a result of the narrow escape. The driver was the more frightened of the two was very nervous over the near accident.

BAKERS DECLARE FOR 10 CENT LOAF

Claim Dime Loaf Serves Best Interests of Producer and Consumer.

SALT LAKE, Aug. 8.—Chairman Burns, of the National Master Bakers convention in a speech before that body today declared that the elimination of the nickel loaf of bread is the only salvation of the bakers' trade.

The delegates cheered the statement that the dime loaf serves the best interests of both consumer and producer.

MANY TROOPS CARRIED BY S. P.

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—Nearly 50,000 troops were carried on the Southern Pacific lines from June 21 to July 24, according to an announcement made by the company. The line handled 131 special trains consisting of 2120 passenger and freight cars, and carried besides troops, many carloads of horses mules and impediments.

The total miles traveled was 60,752 with the average distance traveled by each trooper being 621 miles. This service was performed without an accident.

ROSEBURG RESIDENTS ARE GIVEN OFFICES

Wilson League Which is Meeting at Portland Headed by Roseburg Atty.

CANNON IS COMMITTEEMAN

Judge G. W. Wonacott, Formerly a Resident of This City, is Also On the Committee for By Laws.

PORTLAND, Aug. 8.—Plans for forming a state-wide association of Woodrow Wilson leagues were made yesterday at a meeting of delegates from Woodrow Wilson leagues throughout the state. The meeting was held in the Central library and was well attended, with practically every section of the state represented.

The morning was given over to forming a temporary organization and the appointment of committees. All committees are to report this morning when steps are to be taken to form a permanent organization.

O. P. Coshov, of Roseburg, was elected temporary chairman, and H. W. Lang, of Arlington was elected temporary secretary. The following committees were appointed:

Credentials—G. Y. Harry, Portland; E. H. Richard, Granta Pass, and Frank S. Ward, Salem.
Finance—O. P. Coshov, chairman; D. M. Roberts, Gresham; F. H. Reynolds, Rainier; J. E. Turnbull, Josephine county; Robert C. Lee, Sumpter; Joseph Parker, Medford; W. A. Dalsell, Klamath Falls; George A. Lovelock, Portland; J. R. Blackaby, Ontario; S. A. Esterday, Clatskanie; L. A. Wilson, Hillsdale; D. J. Sears, Spring Valley; A. W. Markley, St. Johns, and C. W. Vail, McMinnaville.
Constitution and by-laws—A. P. Fiegel, chairman; Mrs. E. H. Richard, Granta Pass; W. H. Cannon, Jackson county; G. Y. Harry, Portland, and G. W. Wonacott, Gresham.

The temporary officers were elected unanimously, following a short address by G. Y. Harry, who explained the purposes and scope of the proposed organization. He said that it was proposed to complete Woodrow Wilson league organizations in every town and village throughout the state, and have these organizations carry on the campaign for Woodrow Wilson.

Today's session will begin at 10 o'clock when permanent officers of the state association of Woodrow Wilson leagues will be elected.

Banquet Tonight.
The conference will close with a banquet at the Portland hotel this evening. Dr. C. J. Smith will act as toastmaster. Governor Ernest Lister of Washington and William Hanley, progressive candidate for United States senator in 1914 will speak.

FRENCH ADMIT LOSS OF THIAUMONT

Important Position Near Verdun Recaptured by the Germans.

5 ASSAULTS ARE MADE

British Forces Still Keep Up the Offensive and Small Gains Are Reported by Gen. Haig.

PARIS, Aug. 8.—The French war office admitted that the Germans recaptured Thiaumont fortress which is located northeast of Verdun, after a terrific assault early this morning. The battle is still in progress around the redoubt of the fortress. The Germans kept up a terrific bombardment of the French positions during the night and this morning made simultaneous attacks upon five positions, the only one which was successful being the one upon Thiaumont.

British Forces Advance.

LONDON, Aug. 8.—The British forces advanced this morning to Glullemont village according to advices from the war office. General Haig reports that the offensive in the Somme region has been resumed and bayonet fighting in the streets of the city near the railway depot is of common occurrence. The British are reported to have gained heavily in the East Trones woods. The Australian position north of Pozieres are withstanding heavy shelling from the German batteries.

MEDIOCRE CROP IS FORECASTED

Prospect Declined Over Million Bushels During Month.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—The agricultural department now forecasts a "mediocre crop" of wheat, amounting to 654,000,000 bushels. The crop prospects have declined 105 millions of bushels during the past month. Last year's crop amounted to one billion and twelve million bushels. Other estimates are corn, two billion, seven hundred and seventy-seven million bushels. Last year this crop amounted to three billion and fifty-five millions. Oats this year will total one billion six hundred and seventy-four million against one billion and forty-five millions last year.

TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

Conference Will First Take Up Military Problems.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—Arredondo, the Mexican minister at the capital informed assistant Secretary of State Polk today that Carranza does not intend to confine the international conference discussions to military matters. He intimated that the de facto representative would be perfectly willing to discuss the economic conditions which confront Mexico after the military problems have been settled.

WILSON READY TO ACCEPT ISSUE

President's Acceptance Speech Will Review Administration Record.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—Friends of President Wilson today declared that he was ready to accept the Mexican question as a campaign issue. Wilson may receive the notification of his nomination during the last week in August. Senator James of Kentucky, who will make the notification speech, will emphasize the contention that "a united nation" will support Wilson. The president's acceptance speech will review the record of the administration.

Clifford Bemis, who has been spending several weeks on the Bemis ranch near Sutherlin and visiting with friends in Portland, has returned to Roseburg.

NINETY-FOUR PERCENT ASK STRIKE

Tabulation of Ballot Will Be Completed This Morning.

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—It was formally announced this morning that 94 per cent of the members of the railway trainmen of the four brotherhoods voted in favor of a strike. The tabulation of the vote will have been completed this morning.

ITALIANS HAVE GREAT VICTORY

Position Held Over Year Captured by Emmanuel's Men.

ROME, Aug. 8.—It is announced that the Italians have captured Goritz bridge head. This is claimed to be the greatest Italian victory since they entered the war. The Austrian forces have held this position for over a year against all attacks of the Italians. Strongly fortified positions on Monte Sabotino and Monte St. Michels have been captured by the Italian forces, they have also launched strong offensive movements along the Isonzo frontier.

FIGHTING FAVORS GERMAN FORCES

Allies Continue Attacks Upon Position in Region of Pozieres.

RUSSIAN ARE UNCHECKED

BURGLAR SENT TO COUNTY JAIL

Austrian Torpedo Boat Flotilla Meets Italian Fleet and the Latter Take To Their Heels.

BERLIN, Aug. 8.—It is announced that the allies continue stubborn attacks upon their positions in the Pozieres region, but that the fighting so far favors the Teutons. It is admitted that the Russians have forced the Germans to retreat along the Tiumagz-Otlybia line southeast of Stanislau. The Germans retreated to previously prepared positions.

Thousands Made Prisoners.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 8.—The Russian forces have captured Tuzlaez, in Galicia, ten miles southeast of Stanislau. At this place they launched the most powerful attacks over a 17-mile front and routed the whole German line. The Cossacks numbered hundreds of the fugitives as they retreated. Two thousand of the Germans surrendered and southeast of Brody the Russians captured 8,000 prisoners.

Austrians Shell Town.

BERLIN, Aug. 8.—The Austrian admiralty announced that an Austrian torpedo boat flotilla and the cruiser Aspern shelled the Italian town of Wolfetto on the Adriatic sea on the second of August. The shell fire set fire to a factory and destroyed an aeroplane shed. Six Italian destroyers and one cruiser attacked the Austrian fleet and after a short battle the Italians fled southward. A torpedo fired by an Italian torpedo boat hit the Austrian torpedo boat Magnot and killed two sailors.

HUGHES ARRIVES IN CHICAGO

Manifests No Weariness After Strenuous Day in Detroit.

CHICAGO, Aug. 8.—Hughes arrived in this city this afternoon, and will speak at the Coliseum tonight. His brisk campaigning is "Out Roosevelt Roosevelt". Despite the strenuousness of the day at Detroit Hughes manifested no weariness. This afternoon he conferred with the republican leaders regarding the campaign plans in the west. Hughes has clipped his beard closely so that his mouth shows and he smiles frequently. Despite the hottest weather the presidential candidate wears high stiff collars and starched waist coat and changes the collars as fast as they wilt.