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CITIZENS TO BE GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO ACCEPT OR REJECT BEAVER CREEK WATER

Council Unanimously Adopts Resolution Placing Bonding Questions Before City At Coming Election. \$160,000 Estimated to be Sufficient.

Water and Light Clause Stricken out of the Ordinance

The special meeting of the council called last night to take action to provide for placing upon the official ballot at the election to be held on March 11, the matter of issuing additional bonds on the city for the purpose of defraying the expense of carrying water from Beaver creek to the reservoir of this city, and for the cost of a plant to generate power and light for general and municipal purposes, was called to order by Mayor Stoddard. The following councilmen being present: Williamson, Carr, Dunn, Richardson, Bartlett, Fowler.

At the meeting on Wednesday evening, the council was considering an ordinance that provided for bringing the waters from Beaver creek to this city for municipal and domestic purposes and to generate power and light. When that meeting adjourned without passing the ordinance under consideration, it did so because Councilman Bartlett objected, and according to Chairman Richardson's ruling that was sufficient to hold the final passage over to the next meeting. Mr. Bartlett gave no reason for his action at that time, but yesterday explained his stand to his fellow councilmen and others, and his views were generally accepted. His views were reflected in the explanation which the special ways and means committee presented in regard to its recommendation on the ordinance.

The amended ordinance was passed last evening and credit is due to the city solons. There was no haste; no un-

necessary delay, but careful deliberation and when the time came for yes or no, not a councilman lifted his voice in the negative.

The Mayor started the ball rolling by referring the councilmen to rules in regard to method and procedure that were conflicting and ended the reference by ruling that the 1885 regulation was the one which is legal and the one which he would follow.

Clearly stated, the mayor convinced his hearers, that the ordinance which had been left with a committee on a whole the meeting previous, should have been laid over with the ways and means committee. The latter being the case, the ordinance could be read for information, reported on; amended; discussed; read the second time and passed that night. This was ultimately done.

After some delay, the special water committee reported in part as follows: "That we have had the estimate of our city engineer and of Wallace-Coats Engineering Company on the cost of construction and establishment of a pipe line to conduct the waters of Beaver creek to the city reservoir to supply water to the city. That in addition to the estimated cost by the engineer and based on the propositions made by engineers, of 2 1/2 percent of the cost of construction, for consulting engineering services, we are of the opinion that the additional cost will be about as follows:

Two and one half percent of the

cost of construction	\$3700
Final Survey and maps of Right of Way	500
Salary of Chief Engineer one year	1800
Two Surveyors three months each	600
Sopers and miners etc	1000
Incidental expenses and supplies	600
Total	\$8200

We would recommend that in passing an ordinance to provide funds to complete the water system that \$160,000 be the amount of bonds for the purpose of constructing the water system.

That at this time it is not well or, advisable to ask the taxpayers of the city to vote on the matter of bonding the city for the purpose of constructing a lighting plant."

J. T. WILLIAMSON,
E. W. BARTLETT,
J. B. STODDARD,

Committee.

The mayor then appointed Councilmen Carr and Williamson to act with Councilman Fowler, who was the only one of the ways and means committee present. This committee, with the adopted report of the water committee, estimated the amount which it later reported favorable in the recommendations returned with the ordinance for final passage.

At this point several questions of interest were discussed. One was, How long must an ordinance be published before it could be placed on the official ballot? Another was, How long must an ordinance be published before it could be placed on the official ballot? Another was, How long must an ordinance be published before it could be placed on the official ballot?

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SALEM NEWS

Salem, Feb. 9.—The important feature of today's session was the passing, by 59 votes in the house, of Freeman's bill repealing of all perpetual franchises in the state. The bill grew out of a fight on Coffey's bill repealing the Portland Gas franchise. It was a hot wrangle. Freeman charging Coffey with personal interest in behalf of the Oregonian.

Five house bills were passed three of them were Freeman's one creating tax board and another fixing the rates.

Others were introduced, one creating a state inspector of workshops under the labor commissioner, one creating a state board of inspectors of electrical workers.

The governor wrote a special message protesting against the urgent recommendations of congress to pass the bill repealing the timber and stone act thereby robbing Oregon of 75 per cent of the sales of timber making the state's share 25 per cent. The senate passed seven bills.

The ways and means appropriation bill for improvements to state institutions was passed. The total number of bills so far is 210 in the senate; in the house 407 bills have been introduced.

A special night session was held Thursday.

Chapin's railroad bill is a special order for Monday at 10 o'clock. The members of the committee are said to be ready to advance the bill again after reaching an agreement.

The state board bill will be before the house Tuesday.

Senator McDonald's bill was passed by the senate appropriating \$16,000 for the expenses of a state agricultural college at Union.

Smith of Umatilla, succeeded in getting his bill passed for the payment of interest on county warrants.

MOTHER WAS IGNORANT

(Scripps News Association)
New York Feb. 8.—Late yesterday afternoon, the Thaw case was taken up with arguments on the will as exhibited. Nothing sensational was divulged.

As the court was about to adjourn for the day, Attorney Delmas asked the court that adjournment be made until Monday as Mrs. Thaw had had a long term on the stand and was on the verge of prostration. The motion was granted.

Thaw's will is the strongest point that Delmas will have to substantiate the defendant's insanity. He hopes to secure Jerome's consent to have it introduced next Monday. "The will itself," said the attorney for the defense this morning, "is sufficient evidence to show the effect of the cruelties on Thaw's mind."

Delmas is reported to have said today that he would insist on Thaw taking the stand in his own defense. He has practically decided that the defendant must tell his own story of mental tortures and suffering from a realization of his wife's persecutions without ability to right them, and a vision of a pure soul being blackened by a conscienceless envoy of Satan, is expected to surpass the dramatic interest in the Evelyn tale.

Pittsburg, Feb. 9.—"Don't talk to me of the Thaw case? It is killing me." This message was sent last evening from the darkened room where Mrs. Chas. J. Holman, mother of Evelyn Thaw, is lying utterly collapsed. That Mrs. Holman did not know of the terrible perfidy of the patron, Stanford White, who seemed to want to aid the poverty stricken mother and daughter, seems apparent. The daughter testified that her mother did not know anything of the story, that friends knew nothing. Her friends and neighbors in this city are sure the mother was ignorant and deeply sympathize with her.

ELECTRIC MOTOR SIGNALS SUCCESSFUL

(Scripps News Association)
Baltimore, Feb. 9.—The electric motor signals installed by the Baltimore & Ohio railroad some time ago have proved highly successful. The entire mechanism is contained in a metal box or case at the top of the post and the signal blade is attached direct to the main shaft without the interposition of rods or levers, the relays being mounted in a box at the base of the post for convenience in inspection and maintenance. The signals are known as the three position type, and the engineers of the road claim them to be the most perfect of their kind ever invented.

OREGON AND WASHINGTON IN DISASTROUS BLOCKADE

(Scripps News Association)
Pehdleton, Feb. 9.—There is little improvement in the flood situation. There is a complete blockade of traffic. Hundreds of travelers are marooned here, but the railroad is paying expenses. Floods continue to wash out the tracks in frequent intervals. Landslides will undoubtedly continue for many days.

ATHENA FLOODED AGAIN

Athens Ore. Feb. 9.—Athens is once more the victim of high water. Warm rains yesterday afternoon caused the snow on the large flats above town to melt with a rush and the water is pouring down into the city in such a manner as it did a week ago. The walks in the lower end of the town and already afloat and the water is rising at the rate of three inches per hour.

The depot platform is flooded, but owing to the fact that the water is cutting a channel thru the street it will require a much larger flood than the last one to bring it up so high in the buildings. The flouring mills will be compelled to shut down very shortly, however, and more of the recently repaired railroad track is sure to be washed out. The water began to rise about 3 o'clock yesterday.

FARM FOR PRISONERS

(Scripps News Association)
Toronto, Feb. 9.—A bill has been prepared, and will be introduced to the legislature this session, providing for the sale of the present Central prison property and the establishment of a farm, on a large scale, for prisoners who will be trained in the most advanced agriculture. This farm will be established about five miles outside Toronto, but the prisoners in North Ontario will be employed in road making and other useful work. It is the intention of the government, as hinted in the speech from the throne, to abolish all kinds of prison labor now carried on at the Central prison, but when the time lies heavy on the prisoners hands in winter light employment will be found for them.

COSTA RICA RAISES TARIFF

(Scripps News Association)
San Jose, Costa Rica, Feb. 9.—The law recognizing the Costa Rican consular service has been finally passed by congress. The duties on imports have been increased 2 per cent and all vessels of 800 tons or less will pay port charges amounting to \$22.50, and every additional ton over 800 will be charged at the rate of \$1.80. All foreigners in the Costa Rican service will be replaced by natives.

WORLD'S LARGEST ELEVATOR

(Scripps News Association)
Port Arthur, Feb. 6.—Work commenced here today on what will be the largest elevator in the world. It is being constructed by the Grand Trunk Pacific railroad and will have a capacity of over 10,000,000 bushels. The building will be fire proof and constructed of concrete and tile. Four trains will be able to load or unload at any one time. The elevator is being erected at the mouth of the Mission river.

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Portland Feb. 9.—Reports from many points in Willamette Valley show that the high water is receding and at Portland a steady fall is not impossible. The first train to leave Portland for the east over the O. R. & N. in five days departed tonight. The railroad officials report the company's loss through washouts and damage to the roadway and loss to traffic at \$600,000. Southern Pacific trains are moving on almost normal schedule. There is still some delay on the Northern Pacific.

BELLINGHAM ISOLATED

Bellingham, Wash., Feb. 9.—Floods, washouts and slides have cut Bellingham off entirely from the outside world, and is continually growing worse. Bridges are out on the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific is blocked. All rail traffic in Northwestern Washington is suspended.

Walla Walla, Feb. 8.—Except for telegraph and telephone wires, Walla Walla is completely cut off from the outside world. Not a single train arrived or departed from this place yesterday. Wire news comes from Pasco that that place is in the same condition.

FRISCO DELEGATION THERE

(Scripps News Association)
Washington Feb. 9.—The delegation of San Francisco city and school officials which left San Francisco several days ago to confer with the President on the Japanese question, has arrived. While the regular meeting hour with the executive was called for three o'clock this afternoon, the party called on the President in an informal way this morning. Those who called were Mayor Schmitz, Kahan and Hayes, officials of the schools in Frisco. Secretary Metcalf will be present this afternoon.

The committee was in session about one hour. At the end of that time Schmitz, who was spokesman for the delegation, said that no decision had been reached, but that Tuesday and Wednesday would see another meeting.

THE INDIANS OF NEBRASKA

(Scripps News Association)
Jersey City Feb. 9.—During the course of a lecture on the above subject in the Y M C A hall last night Prof. Henry, who has returned from a visit to the Santee and Ponca Indian reservations says that the former are very prosperous and contented. All the Santees are farmers and some of them are growing wealthy. The Indians speak English and have adopted the dress and customs of the country, but dislike intercourse with outsiders.

OYSTER Famine IN NEW YORK

(Scripps News Association)
New York, Feb. 9.—An oyster famine which was threatened here is now sure to ensue for all the pickers in New York harbor have abandoned work owing to the severity of the weather. The present supply is nearly exhausted and arrangements are being made by local dealers for a supply from Chesapeake bay.

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