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Striking out straight from the shoulder, Mayor M. K. Hall last evening sent a special message to the council in which he outlines matters of im-

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Improvement which he is anxious to see promulgated in the near future. He dealt with the present water problem, advising lower rates, outlined action on sewerage, prods the police department, and urges above all, street improvements along systematic lines. Extracts from the message follow:

### Wants Lower Rates.

"In view of the fact that Beaver Creek water will soon be available for distribution, inasmuch as the supply will be more than will be necessary at present, and the cost of storage and distribution much less, I believe it to be the duty of this Council to give their attention to the matter of readjusting rates of charges for water.

I would therefore suggest that the water committee take this matter up as soon as possible and after careful

investigation and consideration in before the council such recommendations in connection therewith as they may seem fit.

### Ask For Ten-Inch Mains.

"I wish to call your attention also to the water mains on Adams avenue. At present there is a six inch main. I would suggest that before the street is paved a ten inch main is put in. The six inch main that is at present in use is of such material that it can be taken out and used elsewhere.

### Work in Business Way.

"If this council will take this matter of street improvement seriously and go at it in a business like manner they can complete all the preliminaries and let the contracts during the winter months, and before the winter comes next year a condition of things will exist, which will give La Grande a right to the claim of being one of the leading and progressive towns in this country, and get it out of the muddy village class.

### Prods at Police.

"In connection with the police department, I wish to remind the officials thereof that this council does not pass ordinances for pastime. Neither is the enforcement of ordinances supposed to be at the dictation of the police department. For example—this council after careful consideration passed an ordinance requiring all peddlers to obtain a license, but for some reason or other after one futile attempt, its enforcement was abandoned, and spectacle peddlers and grocery peddlers are allowed to roam at will and ply their trade without license.

"I would request the police committee to investigate this matter and if the ordinance is defective have it remedied if possible."

"We have made a start toward improving them. Macadam from Homlock street east to the city limits, and from Fourth street to the city limits on Adams avenue, as well as hard surface pavement in parts of the business districts seem to be assured.

"I think it highly creditable to the citizens who have to bear the expense of putting in this improvement on Adams

avenue, that no protest has been made, although in some cases there are quite large tracts of vacant property. It would seem to me to be quite unfair to require these people to macadamize their streets and at the same time to allow the streets in the more thickly populated districts of the city to remain in their present condition.

"I therefore suggest that the council proceed to macadamize the streets included in that part of the city that is bounded by and including Grandy avenue, Pennsylvania avenue, Adams and First streets, also the cross streets between Adams avenue and Jefferson avenue, as well as such of the streets on the north side of the railroad yards, and in other parts of the city, and especially the streets which are continuations of the main roads entering the city, as the council may select."

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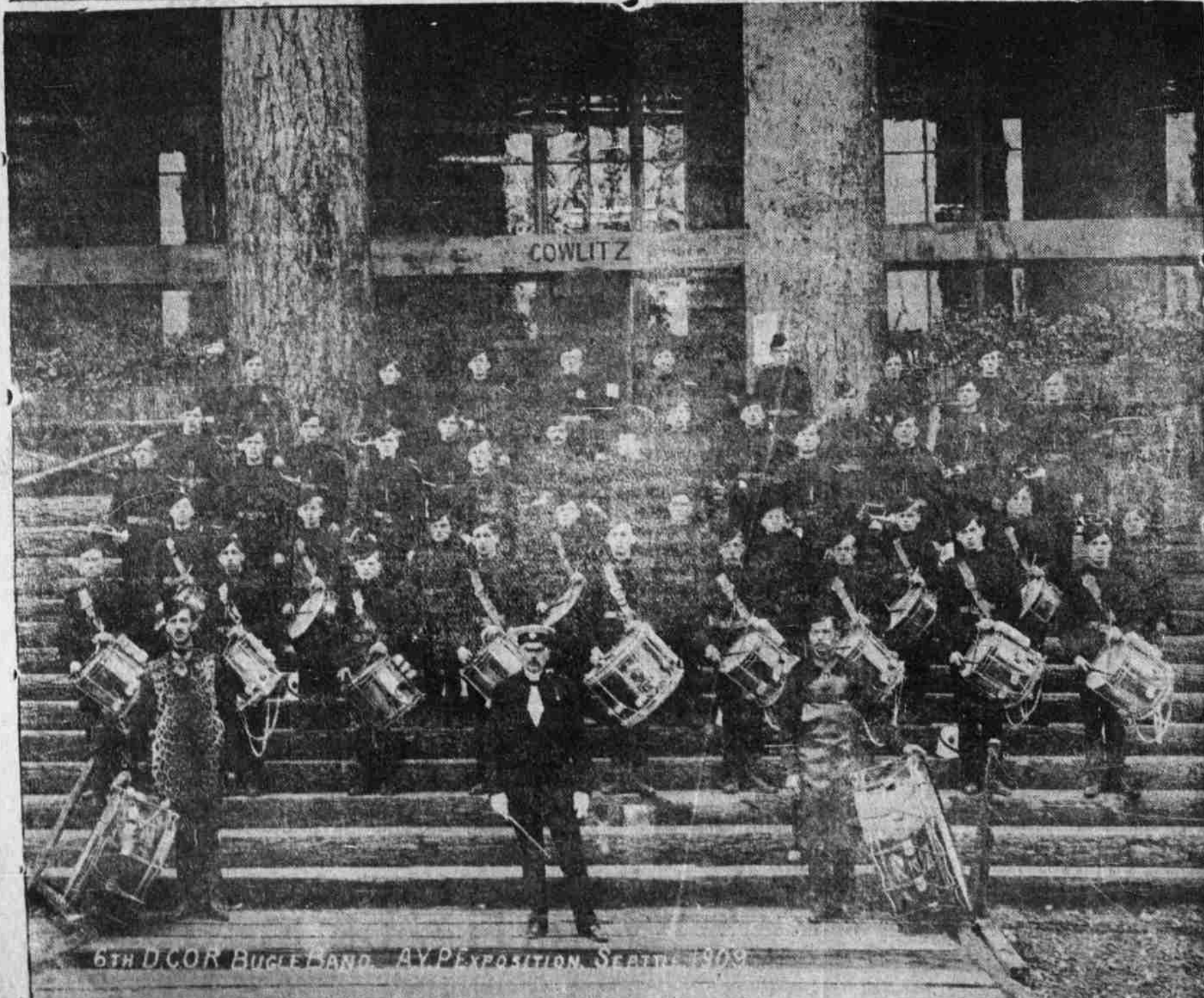
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