

COUNCIL HAS LONG SESSION LAST NIGHT

All councilmen were on hand when the council was called to order last evening by Mayor F. L. Meyers for one of the longwinded sessions that reach the midnight hour. The vacant chair on the end of the table where the late George Kreiger presided as councilman was, cause of silent grief by the councilmen and spectators alike. Reports of committees and officers brought out that the estimate cost of paving Chestnut street with bituminous is \$3,597.57. This street is between the Foley house and the Blue Mountain house. The commission also reported that the estimated cost of building the block of paving between Third and Fourth on Adams avenue amounted to \$3,742.76. On Fourth from Adams to N it is \$27,113.50. Two standpipes are needed on Adams avenue for flushing the paved streets. This was referred to committees.

M. H. Kirtley was requested to pay for the cement walk in front of his property on the Bancroft plan. This is the first instance of that system since the new improvements began.

Reports of a routine nature pertaining to the city's affairs were read and adopted. The only feature of these reports was that \$371 had been taken in as fine money in one month.

The matter of the Farquharson fine where the city confiscated some liquor belonging to Mr. Farquharson and later fined the defendant \$111, came up for settlement. The general opinion seems to be that the city will not have to pay the difference between the fine and the cost of the liquor destroyed. The liquor is said to be valued at \$160 but as it was difficult to prove the value and it is doubtful if Farquharson will ever push the claim against the city.

Street signs carrying important ordinances printed on iron sheets were discussed and figures of costs read from a Chicago house.

John Wilson was given permission to build a temporary woodhouse within the fire limits.

A petition to amend the existing bicycle ordinance was read from a large number of citizens in the Northeast part of town. They claim that it is an imposition to force them to ride in the rough streets as they come and go to the Palmer mill. What they want is the right to ride on the side walks through the La Grande investment addition on Second street for the period of one hour in the morning and one hour at night. In this connection a propaganda to have bicycle paths along the residence streets constructed by taxing every bicycle owner one dollar a year came up when Councilman Orvis made that suggestion. The plan works well elsewhere and it may be adopted here. The street committee will work out a solution to the problem.

Ten dollars was ordered drawn in favor of the bond buying company to meet necessary deficiencies.

Residents on N and 9th street petitioned the council for an arc light at that point. The petition was largely signed and was referred to the proper committee.

The selection of a successor to the late George Kreiger was not attained as the council struck a deadlock. R. L. Lincoln's name was presented by forty-two petitioners and the name of B. W. Grandy was presented with 29 signers. The election will be perfected at the next meeting.

Two weeks from last night remonstrances will be heard on paving and cement sidewalk construction on Chestnut, Adams and Jefferson.

An ordinance will be introduced at the next meeting dealing with the matter of running traction engines and hauling other heavy loads on the pavement, and also denying the right to hitch horses on the pavement for more than a stipulated period. Grant's Pass, Walla Walla, Pendleton and Baker City ordinances will be copied in this respect.

Foreman Jones of the Sutherland Co. was hired to officiate as inspector for the city on the work of building the sewer system. This requires a man constantly on the job, but as Mr. Jones cannot take the matter in hand until early next week, Engineer Darley will assume that position temporarily. It is likely that the work will be suspended for there is no pipe and the alleys are being needlessly blockaded while the trenches are being opened and will remain open until the pipe arrives. The company will have to dig trenches at a point where it will not conflict with traffic until the pipe is actually here.

Advertisements will be issued for sale of local improvement bond to the number of \$60,000.

The re-survey of the Beaver creek wherein the corners have to be re-tied, will commence next Monday as per request of the land office department.

A board sidewalk is ordered on the east end of N avenue. A similar walk is ordered on Cherry street from Adams to the east end of N avenue.

Citizen Julius Fisher appeared before the council with a complaint about the condition of sidewalks where cement walks have been constructed on proper grade and the old board walks at either end create mud holes of the cement walk in the rainy season. The matter will be properly cared for.

For the first time in the eastern part of the city, one street off Adams both sides will be improved. Pennsylvania avenue, recently enhanced in beauty and value by the construction of cement walks the entire south side is to have cement side walks on the north side of the street from Fourth to Washington.

An ordinance was introduced ordering the mayor and recorder to purchase a Burrows adding machine.

A contract will be entered into between the city and H. L. Shafer for the construction of board walks on C

avenue in south La Grande.

The matter of dog taxes came up again and the pound master was ordered to increase the receipt from that source by selling untaxed dogs.

No bids were on hand when the matter of letting the contract for work at the river's edge where a city dumping ground is to be perfected. The matter will have to go over for another two weeks and in the meantime something will be done to allow the livery barns a chance to dump refuse from the stables on land contiguous to the city.

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By DUNCAN N. SMITH

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THE going events that leave their shadows behind are more to be concerned about than the coming ones that cast their shadows before.

Some persons are very close, but won't let you get near enough to make a touch.

Slander is first cousin to gossip.

Too many brainy people have in-growing intellects.

There is such a thing as being so stingy that one gets financial indigestion.

Did you sometimes look at a homely man and wonder if his mother ever thought he was cute?

Poets are poets for their art's sake and gradgrinds for the sake of their grocer.

A fool may learn from his own experience; the wise man does learn from the experience of others.

There may be some good excuse for not paying your debts, but your creditors never find them.

Where there is a will there is a lawyer trying to find holes in it.

It is easy enough to hope for the best when the hoping is good and pleasant.



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