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SKATING RINK A NUISANCE?

SKATING ESTABLISHMENT AND GAMBLING TOPICS

Paving on Pennsylvania and Green- wood Tabooed—Sixth St. Discussed

Spelling doom to bitulthithic pavement on Pennsylvania avenue and Greenwood street, marking preliminary efforts to stamp out gambling that may be carried on behind closed doors or even in public card rooms, in such a way as to escape detection, inaugurating council discussion of the skating rink as a nuisance, and transaction of various other franchises of the city government characterized the meeting of that body last evening. Mayor Richardson presided with Councilmen Monroe, Orris, Andrews, Dunn, Fleming, Sheak and Lodgson present.

REQUISITIONS REQUIRED.

Merchants Warned Not to Sell Goods Without Proper Requisitions

Under the head of reports of committees it was divulged that the merchants of the city occasionally sell goods on order of various persons connected with the city and as a result, several bills were held up last night pending investigation. Among them is a grocery bill for a considerable amount. The county will be asked to pay half of this bill as it went to cover expenses of keeping a small pox victim for nineteen days.

The treasurer's bond bill of \$100 was referred back to the committee. Bonds can be supplied at the rate of \$75 for the amount required to the city's funds. It is likely that the bonds will be reduced as the sums

of moneys now handled by him have been decreased in volume.

The committee to which was referred the alleged violations of contracts in the construction of the sewer between Adams and Washington, consisting of Engineer Curtiss and Councilman Andrews, reported the work to be progressing satisfactorily and according to contract and it is presumed the work will now be resumed after having been delayed for two weeks by complaint of John Melville.

DISCREPANCIES IN POUND FUND

Books With One Exception are Found Accurately Kept.

The report of City Auditor Manssger who audited the books for the past year was reported in and read. It showed the city books to be in excellent condition with one exception. There is a shortage of about \$15 in the pound fund. The chief of police accounts show \$60 have been collected in nine months by the pound master but only \$45 have been received by the treasurer. The report will cause an investigation to learn definitely where the error exists.

REMONSTRANCES EFFECTIVE

Pennsylvania Taxpayers out in Great Force By Proxy

Proposed bitulthithic pavement on Pennsylvania avenue and Greenwood street received the knockout punch by the taxpayers representing \$10,000 of the estimated \$13,000 assessments. Attorney J. F. Baker, appearing in proxy for F. S. Ivanhoe the representative of the taxpayers remonstrating, presented several important reasons for the objections the chief one being that bitulthithic pavement assessments are prohibitive and that council specified what grade of paving should be used without consulting the taxpayers. Another vital objection presented was that the cross streets, four in number, are entirely unimproved and traffic would drag mud on the

pavement. Again, most of the property does not face but is adjacent to Pennsylvania avenue. The remonstrance was sufficient and on motion of Councilman Andrews the prayers were listened to.

J. A. King representing a majority of property owners on Greenwood read a letter and gave a verbal objection to bitulthithic which spelled the doom of paving there. Other and cheaper grades may be substituted according to the tone of all the objections but bitulthithic is tabooed.

One single objection from Attorney J. D. Slater executor in trust for the estate of J. H. Slater, deceased, was sufficient to stall paving of Jefferson, due primarily to the fact that the preliminary notices were incorrect and the council will begin all over again. The railroad owns half of Jefferson avenue a considerable distance and some question as to how best to obtain title was discussed. However it was conveyed to the council that the O-W is anxious to pave if the city paves its half. The work will be resumed at a called meeting next Friday, a week hence, when the committees in charge will have reported more fully.

COMMUNICATIONS MANY

Gust Sends Letter and F. S. Bramwell Attacks Bitulthithic Pavement

When it came to communications the recorder was well supplied. He read a communication from A. A. Gust a former resident, regarding the improvements on Greenwood street, objecting seriously. F. S. Bramwell sent a letter derogatory to bitulthithic pavement when other grades were fully as suitable for residence district purposes.

John L. Mars urged speedy construction of culverts on Second street so that the improvements on that street can proceed when Spring arrives.

NEW ORDINANCES FEW

New Regulations Pertaining to Tam- boles and Popcorn Venders Read

The first reading of new ordinances brought out a measure intended to tax peanut venders \$20 per month and tamale "salesmen" \$5 per month when they operate on the streets. Another resolution was passed giving the mayor and recorder authority to enter into a contract with V. E. Bean for the lease of his property south of town for pest house purposes and the city is to pay \$100 annually.

A petition for re-commencing the improvement of Sixth street brought F. D. Halsten to the floor of the council with objections to paving. He, as before, is not opposed to other improvements but does object to the paving of Sixth street to K street. He wants it through to South La Grande if any paving is done at all. Several months ago the resolution to pave Sixth street was tabled along with a string of objections and just how the matter will be brought up again is not definitely known.

A coincidence occurred when bids were opened for the construction of the street department tool house on Fourth and Pennsylvania. The first opened was from Peter Bosquet for \$520, the next \$475 from Bert O'Brien, the third \$425 (cash) from C. D. Goodnaugh; the fourth \$400 from F. J. Hart; the fifth \$360 from G. H. Crane, the sixth \$340 from Heisner & Robinson. The last one raised however after the first six had been opened indle-

criminately and was from J. M. Cole for \$361. Heisner and Robinson got the job.

The nature of licenses permitting bottling of wines and liquors for wholesale purposes will come up if the request of a Mr. Mahady for such a license is granted. He is willing to pay a license that is equitable, but as no liquor will be drunk on the premises, the figure to be asked has to be established.

Skating Rink Attacked.

Councilman Sheak led a bitter attack on the skating rink—its vices and its nuisances. The impossibility of keeping police there at all times is out of the question and the proprietor dodges the hand of the law by maintaining order within the doors and refusing to be responsible for what occurs on the streets. It is this street noise that is especially obnoxious to residents in that section. Nothing definite was done though the matter was discussed in detail. The same was true of the reported gambling. The matter of prohibiting card playing entirely came up but it is not certain that such a resolution will be introduced. The utter impossibility of detecting evidence to prove gambling exists was admitted by police and councilmen alike—where the participants are exercising care in that direction.

ADVERTISING LIBERAL

In Grande School Being Exploited— Incidentally Observer Mentioned

La Grande's new high school is being forcefully impressed on the public throughout the Northwest, on account of the Hockenberry-Gaunt squabble, and also in the Haak-School board controversy at Portland. The Observer comes in for a free portion of publicity too, in the latest development of the four-cornered fight at Portland.

The Oregonian of yesterday published a statement in behalf of the members of the school directors at Portland and while the article is primarily aimed at John H. Haak the Portland "Reformer," the Gaunt-La Grande combination is brought in frequently. The Haak gold brick bill is referred to repeatedly.

Eventually the article says: "Mr. Haak's first bill provided for a business man for a manager of the affairs of the district and recommended an itinerant architect by the name of Newton C. Gauntt. One word about Architect Gauntt. Mr. Haak says he built a schoolhouse at La Grande. In an editorial of February 7, the La Grande Observer says: "So far as Mr. Gauntt personally is concerned, this paper has no disposition to offer defense. He is not the kind of man that anyone can very well recommend."

"If Mr. Haak will go to Yakima he can learn something more about his expert architect who can build our school so cheaply."

"Mr. Gauntt guessed within \$30,000 of the cost of the La Grande building. It was to cost \$50,000 and cost \$80,000 and then, in order not to exceed that, a brick foundation was put in instead of stone."

"Not one of our despised grammar schools cost one cent more than the contract price. Mr. Haak's architect, at his La Grande rate, would have cost the district over \$115,000 in the last year in extras above contract price."

As the climax to a long string of questions asked by the article comes this:

"Who can give you all the informa-

tion needed on reinforced concrete buildings? Mr. John Haak.

"Where does he get it? From Mr. N. C. Gauntt."

"Who is Mr. N. C. Gauntt? The La Grande Observer says: 'So far as Mr. Gauntt personally is concerned, this paper has no disposition to offer defense. He is not the kind of man that anyone can very well recommend.'"

At the Arcade.

If the attendance at the new Arcade picture theatre for this week tells the story of the future of this house, then its success is assured. Under the new management the new management the special program for this week has made a decided hit. To lovers of the musical the rendition of "La Misera" by Miss Dinsmore and Mr. Cowan in that beautiful production of Il Trovatore, was a decided treat. Grand opera singing is a treat for any city but a rare treat to this city where it is seldom heard. Miss Dinsmore has a beautiful voice, sweet and clear in tone, reaching the different ranges in that difficult classical piece with ease. Mr. Cowan also possesses a voice of depth and the voices together made a combination that was delightful to hear. Besides this specialty number at the Arcade the regular number of films was run. Herod, the Newborn King, a Gaumont picture of Oriental setting is a wonderful production of the dramatic art. Buddy, the Young Guardian, The Jilted Joker, and Hank and Lank Make a Mash are all good. The latter film is a sort of parody on Bud Fishers "Mutt and Jeff" comes that is seen in the big metropolitan dailies. The acoustic properties of the Arcade theatre are very good and the articulation of the singers in Il Trovatore were heard all over the house.

Rinehart Resigns.

T. A. Rinehart yesterday afternoon tendered his resignation as county assessor to take effect March first and he will be ready at that time to go to Salem as state land agent. His successor has been largely discussed but no appointment has been made to date.

RECORD SET BY LOCAL FIRM

CARS SHIPPED OUT

Ramsey Warehouse Handles Record— --Breaking Bulk of Fruit.

Outstripping all former records of his own company and incidentally besting any previous record of a local shipping firm, C. O. Ramsay, manager of the Ramsey Warehouse company is today sending out the last car of a shipment of twenty-five cars which brings his entire total for the 1910 apple and fruit crop up to 125 car loads. The East, South and Black Hill countries have been the chief destinations of the crop handled by Mr. Ramsay this year. He has been able, largely, to establish this record through the abundance of fruit to be shipped and his record is in keeping with general record breaking crop and shipments for the year. The cleanup of all fruit comes about two weeks earlier this year than last.

Diagonal Pack Hereafter.

While it has been almost an exclusive practice at the local institution to use the diagonal pack, there have been a few solid packs shipped out, but after this year it is to be the diagonal pack alone. No more solid packs will be contracted.

While this huge batch of orders have been handled since the 1910 crop was picked, prices have fluctuated and oscillated but throughout the shipping season the local growers have been accorded fairly good prices and at such times as the markets afforded, top-notch prices were realized.

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