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Wool Dress Goods, yd	30c			Women's Wool Underwear One-Half Reg. Price	

## GEIBEL'S

### COMMISSION CLEARS DECK

#### OLD BILLS AGAINST THE CITY DISPOSED OF.

Various Matters Come Up at Mid-Week Session Last Evening.

At last night's meeting of the commissioners and the manager some of the old things that have been hanging fire for a number of months, some almost a year, were disposed of. One of the chief items was the bill of the Warren Construction company for their work on the Second street subway. The attorney for the company, Mr. Huntington, has been in the city for a number of days conferring with the city manager relative to the bill. The old council approved the bill, amounting to \$664.40, and ordered it paid. However, the chairman of the finance committee, Mr. Haisten, at the time wrote his disapproval on the margin of it. This proved somewhat of a bugbear to the bill which was passed over to the commissioners for settlement. Some disagreement arose concerning the interpretation of the contract, the city manager taking the stand that the hiring of scrapers by the company and charging the cost to the city should not be allowed.

P. A. Lonergan for the company contended that the items were just and at the rate charged on the bill, the company would lose money. Another disagreement arose concerning the paying of 35 cents an hour to some men doing common labor and

25 cents to others. According to the provisions of the contract the Warren people were to construct the subway at cost plus ten percent for supervision. After much wrangling the city manager suggested to the commission that this be eliminated and that the company be paid \$550. Attorney Hodgkin was called upon to give a legal decision concerning the status of things and was of the opinion that the city would be compelled to pay the full amount of the bill if no material alteration of the contract had been made.

The manager, however, recommended that the above sum be paid and the recommendation was accordingly adopted. Just what action the Warren people will take has not been divulged.

The final estimate of cost for improving Spring street was then read and allowed, minus ten percent, which later will be held a period of six months, during which time the pavement will have to prove itself according to specifications.

The final estimate of the Warren Construction company for the paving of Second street was read and allowed, amounting to \$3874.75. This sum represents the balance due the company. Warrants were ordered drawn for the amount.

Assessment rolls for the assessment of property on Spring street were read for the third time and passed. Likewise one for Second street. Manager Lafky submitted to the commission the matter of making some provision for attendance on fires by the city fire department outside the city limits. It was suggested that the property owner be held to pay for the chemicals, gasoline and lubricating oil, etc, but this matter did not reach a settlement.

The manager likewise brought to the attention of the commissioners the case of a horse caught outside of the city limits and sold for five dollars. There may be some dispute concerning this proposition inasmuch as the fact of the horses being in or out of the city limits was not determined. However, the buyer, Horace Knapp, is asked to return the same to the rightful owner, but Mr. Knapp asks \$25 additional for the horse, for feed and pasturage. The matter has been threshing in the manager's office and much time has been spent on it, small though it is. It was finally turned over to the city attorney and the manager for settlement.

Commissioner Russell was not present.

Manager Lafky presented his written report for the past week, as follows:

The recorder received \$3.00 pound fees; \$8.35 rent of septic tank farm; fines, \$12.50; building permit \$5.00; Drew warrants for December salaries \$1148.00 and labor certificates \$874.67. Paid \$1.00 interest Imp. bonds, 61-64, Dec. 1-19 and redeemed them \$7000.

The treasurer collected about \$350 water rent; about \$500 Imp. and interest and \$60.00 miscellaneous. Transferred one-third or balance of water accounts to the new water ledger.

Water superintendent spent \$49.68 on meter repair work and \$10.82 for team, labor and expense repairing

phone line to Beaver creek intake.

December 29 Chief Benham and Fireman Drum took the truck to E. Z. Carbine's north of city and used 70 gallons chemical and organized a bucket brigade and saved adjoining buildings, loss \$1500, insurance \$500. Commission should make some regulation to meet such calls from outside of city and charge at least for chemicals used and gasoline and lubricating oil used so that people would know what is expected. The manager, owner and fire chief might determine charges in each case, subject to appeal to commission, or the commission might adjust it. Your manager recommends that you permit going to a fire outside of city, as judgment of chief may dictate, distance, phone connection, weather, etc., to determine. One other chimney fire, 13 men out.

Police arrested 10 and released 10, fines \$12.50.

Street department spent \$33.35 for teams and labor and spent most time on streets. No expense engineering.

Made tabulated list of salaries and labor expense of city for December, checked up old bills and have report on franchises for public utilities. A number of companies have reported.

The tenth is the last day to pay water rent with out penalty. 1-8, 2t. WATER SUPT.

HE DIDN'T LIKE DRIPPING.

And No Wonder, After He Had Read About Its Strength.

What is dripping? Everybody knows that dripping is supposed to be the juices, the savory essences, that fall from roasting meats.

That is the supposition. But what really is dripping—the dripping that the poor of England buy by the pound and smear upon their bread in lieu of butter?

The question perhaps will never be answered, but a partial solution is given to it by the fact that a London poorhouse recently bought at \$7 a ton thirty-two tons of dripping from a soap works.

Alfred Noyes used to tell a dripping story.

"A little boy," he would begin, "complained bitterly about the bread and dripping that formed his daily breakfast."

"'I'll kill me,' he whined at last. 'I know I'll kill me.'"

"'Kill you? What do you mean?'"

"'Why, I've been feeling pretty bad lately, and now I know it's all this dripping what's the cause of the trouble. I read it in a book.'"

"'Some pure food rubbish, I dare say! And what, precisely, did you read in this vile book, silly?'"

"'I read,' whined the urchin, 'that constant dripping wears away a stone.'"

—Exchange.

Food Prices.

Cheaper to buy the whole hen than a dozen of her eggs.—Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch.

The pork trust cans everything nowadays except the squeal of the public.—Boston Transcript.

Chicago women solve the high egg problem by eating meat. Pretty soon they'll have to solve the high meat problem by eating eggs. The good old hen and eggs days are over.—New York American.

### WATER ENGINES FROM DEEPWELL

#### TELOCASET TO HAVE DEEP WELL FACILITIES.

Q.W. Making Arrangements For Creating Good Water Supply.

The railroad company will sink a deep well at Telocaset to increase the water supply for the helper engines at that place.

D. M. Hunt has the contract for the boring and Jeff Bull is interested in the work. The well-boring outfit, which has been at work at Cove, was removed to Telocaset this week and work is to proceed at once.

The hole will be sunk 500 feet and the diameter is to be ten inches, making it the largest well of the kind in this part of the country. It is to be completed by the first of February.

The present water supply for the railroad company comes from a dug well which does not yield much more than half the amount of water need-

ed. There is no expectation of securing artesian water but it is believed that the sinking to the depth proposed will meet the demands for pumping purposes. Mr. Hunt recently finished a contract with the company for a deep well at Pendleton.

#### BUILDING TO BE BUILT FOR NEW FACILITIES.

La Grande Beer Bottled Direct From Cask to Bottle Hereafter.

Work was begun today on the foundation for new bottling works of the La Grande Brewery. The building will enable the La Grande brewer to bottle beer direct from the cask to the bottle as required by the federal government, thus insuring the greatest possible sanitary precaution. It will put the home works on a par with the best bottling works to be found and will be a valuable addition. The building is to be 30x70, one story high. The basement and foundation will be of concrete, and the superstructure will be of brick. It will connect with the Foley hotel, giving the latter a refrigerator plant in the kitchen. John Mars is doing the concrete work and George Holst has the contract for the brick laying.

Contractor Lou Wright is making the forms for concrete and such other carpenter work as will be required.

Near to It.  
Hox—I thought you said that the man was a musician.  
Joan—Nonsense!  
"You certainly told me he wrote melodies."  
"I told you he was a composer of hits. He sells soothing sirup."—London Telegraph.

Presence of Mind.  
Mother (to daughter, who is being carried off through the air by a blast of wind that has caught her umbrella)—Hold tight, Enfilade! I will go and telephone to the aviation ground and get them to send an aeroplane after you.—Lustige Blätter.

## Do You Comply With the BUTTER LAW?

If not, read the following law and have your Butter Wrappers nicely printed, with your name and weight of butter thereon.

### CAUTION!

CHAPTER 179, SECTION 3.

"It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, association or corporation to sell, offer or expose for sale, any short weight butter within the State of Oregon. All butter sold or exposed or offered for sale in rolls, prints or squares within the State of Oregon, shall be plainly marked: 'Eight ounces, full weight,' sixteen ounces, full weight,' 'twenty-four ounces full weight,' or 'thirty-two ounces, full weight,' every roll, print or square sold, offered or exposed for sale shall contain the number of ounces marked thereon; and any person, firm, association or corporation violating any of the provisions of this act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine or not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$100.00, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than six months; or both such fine and imprisonment."

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