

COMMISSION IN MEETING

VARIOUS AFFAIRS COME UP FOR CONSIDERATION.

Rebates on Spring Street Denied After Due Deliberation.

Affairs of the city came in for the mid-week consideration at the hands of the city commission last evening. Reports routine business and some formal transactions occupied the attention of the lawmakers.

The Beaver creek pipe line survey was again corrected up in accordance with government wishes.

Two more weeks were allowed the residents on Cedar street assessed for grading the hill between Main and Spring, to sign up for the Bancroft privilege. Insufficient notices had been given them it appeared.

The sewer ordinance covering the West La Grande project, was put to the third reading and passed.

The O.-W. subway was discussed between the commission and a railroad representative but no final action was taken.

Estimates for November's work on Spring street had been overlooked at the time, and the commission was last evening called upon to allow the estimate to the Morrison-Knudson company.

Rebates asked for on Spring avenue by property owners who assert they have been hit unusually hard by paving projects, were denied after deliberate consideration on the question. Many of these asking for rebates on Spring had already been liberally rebated for other street pavings.

General Manager's Report.
Report for the week beginning Jan. 18th, 1914 and ending January 24th, reads as follows:

The police made 23 arrests, 20 were released and 3 left in jail. Fines amounted to \$142.50; one case of diphtheria in quarantine Thorns, a house at 2008 North Fir street, was burglarized, \$10.00 taken.

Street department spent \$21.25 repairing and fixing up streets and \$83.75 cleaning streets.

The water department spent \$2.80 repairing meters and \$5.35 on two inch line on Cedar street.

The treasurer collected \$619.24 improvement assessment and interest, \$147.35 water rent, paid \$90.00 improvement bond interest and paid \$29.60 warrants, finished financial statement for six months, July to January 1st, 1914. I recommend that same be published as soon as extreasurer makes final turnover and accountant verifies the statement and cash.

The fire department reports no fires.

The recorder reports \$142.50 fines, two building permits, drew \$90.00 warrant on improvement district, interest, \$10.00 in horse case, \$1.20 on contract for sewer right-of-way and \$780.52 final estimate to contractor Kingsley on Cedar street grading.

There were 12 cases in court, five worked on streets, ten paid fines and in four cases of this cash bonds for appearance were forfeited.

The committee on correction of charter errors organized and did considerable work.

The O.-W. R. & N. Co. is asking for a new contract for water as was reported to you at your special meeting Saturday evening.

The bond company has receded from its old contract and given us a very much better deal.

Respectfully submitted,
F. J. LAFKY,
General Manager.

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Local News Items.

Imbler, Or., Jan. 28.—(Special).—Mrs. O.C. Coble is visiting friends in Union.

E. Logan of Summerville, passed through here the 27th enroute to La Grande.

R. Gurns left here last week for California where he intends spending a couple of months.

Mrs. and Mrs. H. McGoldrick, Marvin Estes, Jet Gaskill, John Coble, S.

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COCKATOOS INTELLIGENT

SHERRY'S THEATRE IS PACKED TO DOORS TO SEE CIRCUS.

Monkey With Mind Like Man Amuses Big Audience. Pictures Good.

The Animal act scored at Sherry's. A different drawing card is being head-lined at Sherry's, known as "Viola's Animal Circus." Strange as it may seem, what is claimed as the only mind reading cockatoo is one of the features of the miniature circus performing some remarkable work—Mlle. Viola has an aggregation of birds and animals that are real actors. The birds show wonderful training and respond to every wish of Mlle. Viola.

Lola, the "Man Monkey," delighted every one with his antics. He eats like any human being, has a strange appetite for refreshments, undresses himself, turns the lights out and retires. Anyone failing to see this high price act will certainly have it to regret. Last night patrons upon leaving the theatre remarked that Mlle. Viola's Animal Circus was the best vaudeville act ever seen in this city. The pictures are perfect.—Adv.

Brooks, were a few of the many visitors in La Grande Tuesday.

Will Reed of Pennsylvania, is visiting with his uncle, Frank Reed.

Joe Lloyd and family left this week for Paradise, Oregon.

Charles Squires and John Keown spent the 28th in Elgin.

A surprise party was given Frank Reed Wednesday night, it being his 65th birthday.

Sheriff Hug was in town Wednesday on official business.

SURPRISE PARTY HELD

Summerville People Have Delightful Social Affair.

Summerville, Jan. 29.—(Special).—O Friday night the young friends of Cecil Anderson treated him to a surprise. The young people each armed with something good to eat marched in on him about 7 o'clock and made merry with games until ten o'clock, when a lunch was served. Those present were: Rose Vanderpoel, Anna Sanderson, Ida West, Elsie Vanderpoel, Leo Neiderer, Dora Neiderer, James Combs, Blanche Combs, Gene Oswald, Charley Bradley, Albert Bradley, Ray West, Otto Ott, Irene Ott, Jaunita Choate, Thelma Choate, Francis Ott, James McKae, Andrai Litteral, Marie Becker and Mabel Oswald.

MARTIN KING "EXPOSED"

When Martin King, Jack Pearce, Prone Wilhelm, Fred Myers and Jno. Logue attended the initiatory exercises of the Knights of Columbus last Sunday at Walla Walla, they were given the keys of the city and entertained by the local Elks as well, in a manner that almost took the breath of the Oregonians. But it leaked out today that Martin King has become the object of much criticism by his fellow knights for a certain inability to perform a mechanical stunt that would have relieved the anxious minds of his fellow brothers. For well nigh three score years and ten he has been piloting engines over the track of the O.-W. and drawing down a big check each month for supposed ability along mechanical lines. has been making himself the hero of dramatic deer storges, mine promotions and originator of humorous risibility in hotel lobbies, has in short been the pivot around which much activity in railroad and social circles has turned—but now comes the doleful tale that all of this notoriety has little or no foundation in fact, because he failed to "come through" in a crucial moment. He with eight others had entered one of the Push button elevators, recently made immortal by Bill Allison, and grasped for a supposed throttle. When instructed as to the mechanical operation King pulled for the whistle string, and up they started. When half way up, the car stopped. King became puzzled and perspired. Everybody looked to King to help them out of the difficulty. Here they were marooned in a pesky elevator with a big banquet of tasty eatables awaiting them at one of the best hotels in the city. King wanted to go down again. When they had come in close proximity to the infernal regions King could not budge the door. Another ride up to the top floor, a second one down made King look like Jim Jeffries at the Battle of Reno. King, with all of his mechanical skill, was helpless before this plagued little trigger in the door that made all of them prisoners. Finally a wee little slant-eyed Jap came to the rescue and with a deft finger released the door catch and the Robinson Crusoes went ashore. Jack Pearce said it reminded him of the bible story of David and Goliath. King has lost much of his prestige as the result of this episode and it is not likely that the brotherly feeling is anything more than tissue paper. But you can't get everything on the same day, reconciliation and a name for skill in extraordinary emergencies. Either is enough for ordinary mortals.

CHANCES ARE ABOUT 5000 TO 50.

When you are quietly sitting near your heater reading the doings of the day in La Grande and the world at large about 5000 persons in this city and in the valley are doing the same. Somebody has lost an article, or may want something, or has something to sell. The simplest way to reach so many persons is to insert a little want ad in the Observer and you will be talking to about 5000 persons at the same time. Could you possibly see more than 50 of these persons in one day? It is not likely. The busy man lets others do the talking and conserves his energy for the transaction. A paper never gets out of breath, never loses energy and always puts the proposition in a few lines. If your time is worth money you can't save it more easily than by a want ad. Trying is believing. The Observer is willing to prove it.

Bryan Avoids Dispute.

Washington, Jan. 29.—At the personal request of Bryan, the house immigration committee again declined to hold hearings in the Raker alien bill. The committee declared that Secretary Bryan had asked a postponement of the case to prevent renewal of the dispute with Japan.

MASTER PRODUCTION

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chewed to death by a hungry tiger or leopard, burning Christians on ar smeared poles, forming human torches for the revelry of men lower than beasts, makes this picture, without a doubt, one of the most superb attempts in moving pictures ever shown. Thousands of men, animals and a fortune in costumes, the best that Italy could produce in the great art of acting are in this picture to make it as much like the times of Nero as mortals can create. We are advertising this picture because we know that it is worth more than we can say about it. When a picture runs for months in the large cities, day after day it must be superb. Such is the history of this picture. It will never be here again. For children the price will be 10 and for adults 25. No high school pupil should fail to see this picture for it will give him or

her a clearer conception of Roman times than any amount of reading. Be sure to be on hand at seven p. m. for the first show and 9 p. m. for the second. Que Vadis appears today and tomorrow only.—Adv.

Read the advertisements too.

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A. J. McLeod.