

BRIEF SESSION OF COMMISSION

ADJOURNED SESSION HELD THIS AFTERNOON.

Payment of Bills and Reading of Manager's Report Main Feature.

Payment of bills and accounts against the city and consideration of various matters with no final action on any, except to hear the manager's weekly report, summarizes the mid-week session of the commission last evening. Commissioner Gardner was absent, but this afternoon the commission meets again to outline further the auditing of the city books.

General manager's report for the week ending January 31, 1914.

To the commission, gentlemen: The street superintendent spent \$55.05 building three cross walks and fixing the railroad crossing on Second street, and \$33.25 cleaning the streets.

The treasurer collected \$364.18 street improvement and interest fund, and \$65.35 water rents. Received from recorder \$910.05, collected during January; paid \$1225 interest on refunding water bonds; also prepared the bonds for L avenue sewer, alley in block 106 Chaplin's addition that had been bought by B. C. P. L. sinking fund; also bonds ordered by council for sidewalk on Fourth street, North Fir street, M avenue and Monroe avenue.

The recorder received \$15.00 fines, \$2 building permits, Improvement funds district 53, \$500.71; 82, \$271.01; I-A, \$275; interest, I-A, \$17.85; sewer between Washington and Adams avenues, \$16.25, and interest on the same \$1.35; issued warrant \$1225, interest; refund water bonds, and \$3563.25 improvement warrant district 82; four cases in court, three forfeitures, amounting to \$15.

Water superintendent spent \$34.65 of this \$13.40 was for meter reading and \$21.25 for putting in two-inch line on Cedar street.

The fire department had one call, near north end of Fir street; house of John Simpson, loss total, insurance \$1500.00, 14 volunteers out.

The police arrested eight and discharged six, two in jail; fines \$15. Several persons were discharged because of the absence of the municipal judge.

The manager and water superintendent met with Mr. Bollins of the O-W, gave him a certified copy of commission actions on railroad water rate, your manager further offered a flat rate of \$300 a month for three months so the meter could be tested, also that if the meter was found to over measure, the company be given credit for 12 months on their new business. We also compiled water rates of other cities of which I handed the members copies. These are much higher than ours. Baker rates 10c per 1000 gal. to 100,000 gal., 5c per 1000 gal. for over 100,000 gal. Pendleton, 12c to 1,000,000 gal. and 8c over. Walla Walla 8c per 1000 gal., for over 100,000 gal. Roseburg, 10c per 1000 gal. for over 75,000 gal. St. Johns charges 7c for over 1,000,000 gal. Salem 5c for over 250,000, all are much higher than La Grande.

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

SCHOOL HEAD VISITS CITY

SUPERINTENDENT CHURCHILL INSPECTS SCHOOLS.

Urges Children to Dress With Regard to Parents' Pocketbooks.

Oregon schools are progressing satisfactorily and the future for Oregon schools is bright, asserts State Superintendent J. A. Churchill, who is in the city today on professional visits. He has just been to Baker and after visiting heads of all school departments here, will leave tonight for Portland. In the brief time he has been in office, by appointment, he got into a wrestling match with the book trust and has done much to reduce the price of books. In regard to district ownership of school books, Mr. Churchill feels that the time will soon come when all districts will be required, and not put on their option as now, to supply books for students.

Mr. Churchill urged the pupils not to dress better than their parents could afford to dress them. He told them that one who dresses neatly, dresses well enough, and he begged the students to show their gratitude to those who had made sacrifices that they might receive an education by being moderate in their dress and not over-dressing. He said that neatness would make for clean living and clean thinking and said that these were the best character developers. He also urged the pupils to further show their gratitude by studying as those who had made sacrifices for them expected of them.

The primary object of the trip is to visit all the larger schools that a comparative statement might be compiled. This statement will include a study of the various buildings and their equipment.

PRESENT SESSION LONG
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alleged crime was committed on the night of his release from the county jail.

Newlin Found Not Guilty.

After being out 23 minutes, the jury in the Newlin case returned a verdict of not guilty. The case was given the jury at a night session last night.

North Powder Case Up.

The North Powder State Bank, known as the Powder Valley bank, and Huddleson & Son, North Powder merchants, are the chief figures in circuit court today. A jury was secured at 9:30 and the case, though it promises severe cross examination on both sides, will probably be ended this evening some time. The bank is suing for recovery of money on a \$1000 note but the defendants have filed a counter claim and the issues involved are rather intricate. Cochran & Eberhard represent the bank and R. J. Slater and Jno. S. Hodgkin the defendants in the case.

OLD ACQUAINTANCE RENEWED

Men Long Separated Greet Each Other In Court Room Today.

A peculiar phase of the North Powder case developed today when in the course of examination of prospective jurors, old acquaintances of

a triangular nature were renewed. John T. Reeves of Union, was being examined at the time.

"Do you know any officers of the bank?" was asked by the bank's counsel.

"I know Cashier Lambert."

"How well do you know him?"

"Well, I was a member of his company in the Philippines and fought side by side with him, and furthermore, I have not seen him until this moment since we were mustered out at San Francisco."

Both men smiled broadly at each other. They have lived in the same county for several years, yet never met.

"Do you know W. A. Huddleson, the defendant?" asked Mr. Huddleson's counsel after the bank counsel had refused to have Reeves excused.

"I certainly do" replied Mr. Reeves. "I was a classmate with him at O. A. C., but since our attendance at school there I have not seen Mr. Huddleson until this moment." Reeves, by the way, was left on the jury.

Next Case Called.

Becker vs. McKenzie, both Summerville people, is the title of the next case. The dispute is not a very important one.

WORDS THAT REALLY SPEAK

Many Expressions in the Language That Seem to Convey Instantaneous Meaning.

Bang—"a sudden noise like that from a gun" is the definition given by the dictionary. But the explanation is befogging and futile, for a "bang" is—well, what better describes it than the simple word itself?

So many of our most expressive words seem similarly to have sprung from a desire to form with the lips a sound mimicking the thing described. Why waste words on a definition of the word "splash," for example? You hear all the abrupt, restless heaving of the waters in that one word.

And does even a baby need to be told what "buzz" means when a blue-bottle is leading a forlorn hope against the pantry window?

"Tinkle," "whistle," "whine," "gurgle," "cackle," "icy"—these are only a few of our other eloquently descriptive words.

It is also extremely interesting to note the sharp distinction drawn between the words of opposite meaning so as to emphasize their difference in sound—thus, "brisk, lazy" (or "allegish"); "hot, icy;" "down, up;" "jolly, miserable," and so on.

EXERCISE IN THE FRESH AIR

No Doctor's Prescription So Valuable as This Simple and Pleasant Occupation.

When health is the great desideratum one should not hesitate to make almost any sacrifice to obtain it. This was well illustrated by the man who recently double-crossed the continent in 329 days. At the time of his leaving on this journey afoot he was threatened with consumption. He realized that fresh air, exercise and sunshine formed the perfect trinity that spells health. He started on that long tramp expecting health as the result. Did he get it? Sure. One gets what he expects—not merely what he hopes for; not merely what he desires, but he must expect to get that for which he hopes and desires; then lay hold of the means, as did this man, whereby the object may be obtained and then retained. He is, as the result of his effort, in the "pink of condition." He weighed 104 pounds at the start, 140 pounds at the finish—and placed a good round thousand to his credit. Best of all, he walked away from disease. Go, thou, and do likewise.

ONE LION CUB'S HAPPY HOUR

Savage Young Beast Escapes From Owner and Kills Two Dogs Before Being Captured.

Paris.—A former favorite in the Paris music halls, who in the decline of her glory, acquired a wild beast, now, had a singular adventure when she came up from St. Germain to buy a lion cub at the Jardin d'Acclimatation—the Paris "Zoo."

In striking a bargain she tried to induce the authorities to include a cage in which to take her new purchase away. This meant more money, however, and she took the young lion away in her arms, and boarded a tram car with it. The animal scratched her, however, and made her release her hold.

It then scampered away playfully into the Bois de Boulogne, and before it could be captured it had killed a fox terrier and a deer hound.

The ex-dancer now realizes that her economy was a false one, for she had to pay for the two dogs, and had also to finish the journey to St. Germain in a taxicab, with the lion cub lying safely tied up inside.

GIRL SHOOS BEAR AWAY

Brave Young Miss Frightens Bruin by Her Strange Behavior and Saves Hunter.

Duluth, Minn.—A bear two years old and hungry might have made a meal of one of Duluth's nimrods if it had not been shoos away by Miss Clara Mellum, aged eighteen, who lives on a farm near Grand lake.

The man was Albert Peterson. He was hunting at Grand lake, which is about twenty miles from Duluth.

Peterson was found up a tree, with the bear underneath, licking its chops. Miss Mellum, just as a true wood nymph should, came tripping through the forest and chased the bear away, using her apron as a weapon.

Peterson came down and found that his rescuer was the daughter of a farmer living near the lake.

Dog Is Sentenced to Death.

Newark, N. J.—Judge Herr in district court here sentenced a dog to death because it had bitten Sidney Rosenbloom, thirteen, and his pet parrot. Mrs. John Kravarrick, owner of the dog, testified that the parrot called her dog a "dirty pup" and kept it up until the dog got tired of it and bit the bird.

"Involuntary Suicide."

A highly respected and prosperous Georgia farmer discovered that his corn cribs showed signs of nocturnal depletion. As this occurred with considerable regularity, his suspicions became aroused, and he rigged a spring-gun and watcher for results. The first night following, along in the small hours, he heard the report of a gun, and hastening to the spot, found a "dead nigger." The next morning he notified the coroner, which official summoned a jury and proceeded to view the remains. After a full investigation of the case, the coroner gazed solemnly at the jury and remarked that, while he was not entirely aware of the conclusions reached by them, he would suggest a verdict of "involuntary suicide." And that was the verdict.

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FARM EXPERT HERE

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ing farm experts, and all the others are looking about for similar officials.

Mr. Cate has moved his family to La Grande and will make his home and headquarters here but being in position to assist orchard men, farmers and stockmen of the entire county. He was graduated from O. A. C. in 1904, spent two years with the teaching department there, then went into the survey of Oregon soil recently commenced and later was connected with the extension work of the school. He has been a farmer all his life.

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So great was the demand for O. A. C. pennants, such as pictured herewith, that the original supply obtained by the Observer in its pennant contest was quickly used up, but another supply has now arrived and can be obtained in the usual way.