

INJURY MAY END IN SUIT

CITY NOTIFIED OF \$25,000 CLAIM
FOR DAMAGE.

Commission Opens Bid For Sewer
Construction From Subway to 4th.

Official notice was served upon the city commission at its session last evening that it must settle to an amount of \$25,000 for injuries sustained by C. N. Coleman last summer when he was caught by a cave-in on the Jefferson water main project. He was injured considerably while employed by the city and now claims damages. No suit has been filed but steps that mean it were taken when attorneys filed the notice last evening.

Sewer Bids Received.

The commission last evening opened bids for the construction of a 12-inch sewer from the North Second street subway to Fourth street to act as a drain. Child's bid in for \$2,404.85; Smith Construction company for \$2,425 and Tom Wheelwright for \$2,500. The bids were referred to the manager and will be acted on finally next week.

Assessments ordinances were read the second time and referred. These assessments are those held up by threatened suit by residents on the East end of the truck sewer line, but pending suits have been dismissed, claims compromised, and now the bonds can be floated and the records cleared. The issues were over rights of way. Bond ordinances covering Spring street and Second street from the subway, and Cedar street evacuation were passed.

The commission allowed Chief of Police Avant \$50 on his February salary to "keep him alive" in view of the fact that the chief was unfortunate enough to lose the whole of his last month's salary the day it was paid him. No trace has been received of it.

Various details of the manager's report were gone over.

La Grande, Ore., Feb. 18, 1914.
The general manager's report for the week ending Feb. 14th follows:

The recorder collected \$170.74 improvement assessments and interest; two fines \$20.00; three forfeitures \$25.00; one building permit 50 cents; taxi license \$5.00; plumbing license \$20.00. He drew \$105.00 for Imp. Dist. interest and \$1254.12 for bills against the city mostly incurred during January. Thirteen trials in court, some victims worked on the streets.

The treasurer collected \$979.85 water rents including \$11.60 in warrants; \$25.00 license; \$141.70 street improvement and interest. Received a turnover of \$1241.663 of taxes from the county treasurer. Also received five interest coupons, three from Commercial bank, Port Huron, Mich., and two from Baker and Son, Paynesville, Ohio. Paid \$75.00 on these coupons. Paid warrants \$124.30 and \$1.84 interest.

Water superintendent spent \$28.15 on repair, shut off and tapwork.

Fire department had one call. The assistant, B. C. Garrity is off on a few days vacation.

The police arrested ten, released 17 with 2 in jail. Collected \$45.00 fines and forfeitures. Moved several undesirable.

The street department spent \$26.25 cleaning streets.

I checked up on the city's insurance policies and had the agent change the policy on the tool shed at gravel pit, changed from present library site to its present location. Amount of policy \$300.00.

The fill on "O" street hill, Rushes and Smalls, ought to be rip-rapped. Can get 3 cord loads of rock delivered at \$200.

I recommend that this be attended to right away.

As there is a mad dog scare in Baker county and a dog was killed by the police on East Adams yesterday that showed suspicious symptoms I recommend that the dog license be stringently enforced and that people be asked to co-operate and keep up their dogs and dispose of any useless

DANCE FLOOR IS PROMISED

RINK TO BE MADE OVER TO
DANCE HALL.

Mrs. Zuber Will Spend Considerable
Money on Rink at Once.

The skating rink is a thing of the past. The entire building is to be remodeled at a cost of about \$1000, and converted into an attractive and homelike dancing hall. Carpenters are at work smoothing over the hardwood floors with an electric planer and sandpaper machine and Mrs. Zuber, the owner, claims that it is to be the finest floor in the city barring none. Painters will be at work as soon as the carpenters are finished and all of the woodwork will be repainted, the walls will be redecorated in pleasing hues and cloak rooms, balcony and other parts of the building will be renovated and beautified.

The price is to be about \$15 or \$20 per night and that factor will attract many who are not able to make ends meet for small parties in a more expensive hall.

Mrs. Zuber will cater to dancing parties given by the best class of people, asserting that they will find every convenience there when the place is finished.

or superfluous dogs. There is no need for alarm but it is desirable to use ordinary precautions.

I recommend that the resolution to pay the Chief of Police water rent for three months and advance him \$50.00 on his February salary and pay same out of contingent fund.

F.J.LAFKY,

General Manager.

ELGIN KNIGHTS GET GOAT

DISTRICT DEPUTY DIXON IN
LIMELIGHT.

Gathering Here Tomorrow May De-
velop Interesting Stunt.

(Elgin Recorder.)

Members of Orion Lodge No. 73, Knights of Pythias, are congratulating themselves upon a rare piece of luck. In vain had they searched for a goat to take with them to the District convention at La Grande tomorrow, and now the necessity for further search has been removed. They have discovered that they have the District Deputy's, and there is no question but that it is in grand shape.

H. E. Dixon is now the District Deputy, as well as Chancellor Commander of the La Grande lodge, and last year when he came down to this city to attend the convention, the local boys did things to him that he has not forgotten, one of the events of the day being a nice long ride in a cage with a calf muzzle over his head. This year, despite the fact that he is at home, he fears a repetition of some of his hard luck, and has written a letter to S. A. Chappell that alternates between tearful pleading and dire threats, all in the hope that when the boys get there they will show the respect due one of his station in Pythianism and a member of the bar of the State of Oregon.

Knowing the unreliable tempers of the members of the local lodge, we would have to say just what will happen, but Mr Dixon will certainly be lucky if he gets out in the manner which he hopes. All of the boys are going down to the county seat tomorrow and will do all in their power to aid in making the convention the success that it deserves to be.

Japs Not Mentioned.

Washington, Feb. 19.—The soft pedal will be brought into play when the house immigration committee resumes consideration of the Raker exclusion bill. Chairman Burnett announced that most of the time of the committee would be taken up with a consideration of that part relating to the exclusion of Hindus. Commissioner Caminetti is before the immigration committee for the purpose of testifying. He asked for Hindu legislation along.

ELKS SCORE BIG SUCCESS

PLANNED TO MAKE PERFOR-
MANCE PUBLIC.

Lodge Members See Big Production
of Stag Minstrels Last Night.

Scoring such a remarkable success in their minstrel for lodge members only, the Elks responded to an invitation from Elgin, and with an augmented chorus will put on the show in that city next Thursday night for the benefit of the Elgin concert band.

Probably few events have been staged in the auditorium that brought forth the clean, wholesome fun of the event last evening when Interlocutor Donohue raised his avoirdupois to the shimmering strains of lively music, ejaculated, "Gentlemen, be seated." With Kirtley and Rogers and Desilet and Harding as black face end men the fun began and it kept Donohue as busy as an animal trainer in a circus to hold the jokesmiths down to earth and permit the remainder of the program to proceed in its set order.

The singing was even remarkable, many Elks never before realizing the vocal talent that rested within the lodge. Opening with "Apple Blossom Time," the chorus won its first favor. L. V. Howland followed with the "Million Dollar Doll," and then came the old favorite—C. P. Ferrin in his superb manner sang, "Only You," and George Abegg showed his talent before the footlights in "Big Blue Eyed Baby." H. E. Dixon raised the question in song, "What Has the World to Give you," which was followed by Will Pearce who sang that pretty old melody, "When I Dream of Erin I'm Dreaming of You."

John Wells certainly pleased everyone with his strong effort in rendering "Deep as the Deep Blue Sea." Norman Desilet turned everything into mirthful humor with his "Kill That Bear" song. "When Twilight Comes to Kiss the Rose Goodnight," was rendered by Charles Harding who preceded C. E. Hackman in his wooden shoes melody from Germany, sung in German.

Throughout the program the end men got even with Joe Jones, convinced everyone of C. D. Emahizer's ability as a bean eater and Norman Desilet in an eloquent manner recited a story telling of a fight on Fir street which ended not with a railroad catastrophe but a man with a gun "wrecked 'em." Kirtley tried to take all laurels away from Sherwood in a trombone solo but the audience stood for fair play and Sherwood was decorated with the laurels.

Pattison & Newton in their Texas Tommy production added a touch of physical activity to the program for they do a remarkable dance with Pattison dressed as a girl.

The grand finale was a combination of "Trail of the Lonesome Pine" and "Auld Lang Syne" carefully blended by the entire chorus.

A dinner was served in the club rooms following the program and Dr. Tape was the chief entertainer, and he lost none of the splendid reputation he has along that line.

Quite a demand is being made today for the Elks to open their minstrel show to the entire public and a movement is now on foot to add a number of lady members to the chorus, and if this is done the performance will be given with open doors as has been requested.

Arrangements for the date at Elgin were made this morning and during the day a request came from Union that the Elks give that city a date.

The program as carried out follows:
Opening Chorus, Apple Blossom Time in Normandy.....
When the Twilight Comes to Kiss the Rose Good Night, C. R. Harding
Kill That Bear.....Norman Desilet
Girl in the Heart of Maryland.....
.....Rube Zweifel
Million Dollar Doll.....L. D. Howland
When I'm Dreaming of Erin I'm Dreaming of Thee.....W. M. Pearce
The International Rag, Harry Pattison
Am I Ever in Your Dreams.....
.....C. P. Ferrin
Great Big Blue Eyed Baby.....
.....Geo. Abegg
If I Had the World to Give You.....
.....H. E. Dixon
Grand Finale.....Entire Chorus

Chorus:

Ferrin, Abegg, Zurbrink, Henning,

To the Ladies of La Grande:

MR. OTTO WEST, The Famous French Designer, will show his ability as a designer and dressmaker to the ladies of La Grande Saturday night in the window of Geo. A. Anderson's store. He will start at 7:30 p. m. and finish at 8:30 p. m. He will make two silk waists complete to wear in one hour. He will not use any basting or pins, and will work slowly to give everyone a chance to see how it is done.

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Hackman, Sargent, Kirtley, Selders,
Dixon, Wells, Bramwell.

Passenger Train Late.

No. 6, eastbound due here at 11:25 this morning was held up at Mood River this morning on account of the derailment of a freight car. At noon this train was scheduled to arrive at 3:30 p. m.

Assault Case Taken up.

Circuit court has taken up the trial of State vs. James Bengie. The defendant is indicted for assaulting a local Chinaman in a restaurant after an altercation. The case of Tom Mylin is scheduled to follow this one, and is one for rape.

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