

WARN PARENTS TO BE ON ALERT

COMMISSION MAY CHANGE
PRESENT CURFEW LAW.

Parents and Guardians to Be Responsible—Much Business Done.

Warning to parents to be less careless of the welfare of their children on the streets, was sounded at the meeting of the city commission last evening. Recommendations for changes in the curfew law were made by Manager Lafky and the parents and guardians are to be held responsible for the children if the recommendations are finally adopted. The session was an important one. Commissioners Wood and Russel were present, with Commissioner Gardner absent.

Motor Sold for \$500

The commission sold its motor at the idle power plant on the river bank at Oro Dell, to the Eastern Oregon Light & Power company for \$500.00. This bid was submitted to the commission and was accepted. This is not all net to the city, however, as it will cost the city \$37 to place the motor on board the cars, and again as much to restore the brick in the building where the motor is removed. Joe Jones' bid for moving the motor was the lowest and was accepted. The commission feels it has made an equitable sale of the motor.

Dance Ordinance Up.

The dance ordinance, forbidding indecent dances, and prescribing strict rules for dance halls, came up for its second reading and will be acted on finally next week.

Delinquents to Be Prosecuted.

To collect assessments on improvement districts where the property owners have failed to pay, was recommended to the commission and the task has been turned over to the city attorney. This particular batch is on North Fir and Y, making in all three sections totalling \$3000 and is made up of about 50 different parcels.

To pay \$232 assessments for improvements taxed to the city on the court house block, the commission passed a resolution last night taking that sum from engineer's fee funds on another improvement district where all warrants have been paid, and applying it on the court house block. In one engineering fee fund there were \$71.00 idle and this was ordered transferred to the interest fund and will be used to meet interest. This utilization of idle funds will be continued wherever possible.

King Roe, poundmaster without salary, presented a statement reaching \$13 for services during the winter. The agreement was when the poundmaster was taken out of salary service during the winter, that he was to obtain for himself the fees for impounding stock whenever necessary. His report was accepted and

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payment ordered. The pound has cost the city nothing during the winter, yet has been operative all the while.

The manager's weekly report follows:

There were no fire alarms for the week.

The treasurer collected \$627.45 water rent including \$10.35 in warrants. Also collected \$756.85 for street improvement and interest and received a turnover of \$2559.11 taxes.

The treasurer paid the \$800.00 borrowed to pay the \$4000.00 interest on B. C. P. L. bonds. Also paid \$1000.00 due Rollins & Sons for interest due Nov. 1st, 1913, which ex-treasurer received warrant and for which the coupons were turned in. Paid \$501.11 improvement bond interest and warrants to the amount of \$1031.05. Also sent out notices on Jefferson and O. Avenues and alley in block 114.

The recorder collected \$554.98 in sewer district No. 3, Sec. 1-A and \$99.26 sewer district No. 3, Sec. 1 and \$10.20 interest on the last item; \$5.00 was collected on sewer Adams and Washington, \$27.21 interest on 4th St. No. 54, fines and forfeitures \$70.00, dog tax \$6.00, 3 building permits \$1.50, septic tank \$8.35, court cases, 1, fine \$15.00, 2 forfeitures \$55.00, balance worked on streets.

The street superintendent spent \$5.50 on construction work and \$71.00 cleaning streets. Hitch racks were extended, sewer trenches filled and cross walk lumber placed.

The irrigation ditch on X and North Fir is reported as a nuisance and dangerous. Was ordered covered last year. Nothing done. I recommend that legal action be taken to force covering or to fill the ditch.

The police arrested 10, released 5, with 5 in jail. Fines \$70.00. They killed 2 dogs for the owners. There are others.

The water superintendent spent \$32.10 on taps and meters.

The Eastern Oregon Light & Power company offers us \$500.00 f. o. b. for our old 125 horse power motor at the old pump station. This is the first offer since the B. C. P. L. was put in, I believe we had better accept it. We still have a steam plant and also have an 8-inch pipe into the Palmer mill, which can be turned on in an emergency. Money to apply on light bill.

There are many complaints of children being out late. The circuit court proceedings the last few weeks have disclosed a sad neglect and carelessness on the part of the parents to look after their children properly.

It seems to be a case of everybody for himself and the Devil take the hindmost. And there are lots of them getting behind.

I recommend that the curfew ordinance be amended to read 9 in winter and 10 o'clock in summer, and to make the parents and guardians responsible and liable.

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

HUFFMAN WILL VALID.

Baker Judge Rules in Favor of Famous Huntington Will.

Baker, March 12.—County Judge Carter yesterday notified the attorneys in the Thomas Huffman will contest that he had found in favor of the will, which means that the plaintiff, Mrs. Mary Darby, has failed to establish proof that the will of her brother was not valid, as she claimed. The order of the court will probably be signed within a few days.

Judge Carter bases his ruling on the conclusion that the evidence and law showed the will a valid one, according to his statement yesterday. "It was my first case of this kind," he said, "and I made a careful study of the law in similar cases, and find that the law and evidence indicates that the will was all right."

The will, which left the property of the deceased to Albert Hindman, a neighbor and personal friend of the deceased, was contested by Mrs. Darby on the grounds that it was made and signed while her brother was on his death bed, and not mentally capable of realizing what he was doing. The hearing was a lengthy one and many witnesses were introduced on each side. Mrs. Darby will appeal from the ruling of Judge Carter.

LOST—March 10th, two strands dark brown watch. Return to Observer, reward. 3-11-4tp

Read the advertisements too.

Concerning Sweethearts

Girls---here's a tip on how to determine whether your "best-fellow" is really of the right caliber.

At this store this week, we are giving a Reception to the Royal Men of La Grande By Royal Men, we mean those Crowned-Heads of Manhood who live right, think right and dress right--those self respecting American Kings who believe in giving the world their best energies and their bodies the best clothe.

For never let any male person tell you, girls, that slovenliness of attire is an admirable trait in a man. As a matter of fact, the business world today demands that its best workers and "doers" wear the best clothes. A good appearance in a young man is considered a letter of credit; an index of character; a mark of good taste and discriminative judgment.

So just ask your Young man tonight, in an off-hand way, if he's coming to this Royal Reception this week. If he says "Yes"—it's an indication that he's a Royal man with Royal ideas of living and dressing. It's a straw that shows that he wants to keep strictly up with the times; wants to know what's doing in men's styles and fabrics; wants to be just as well posted on the latest tailoring vogues as the clubman of New York or Chicago. It shows that he's ALIVE

Another thing that his "yes" may mean. It's liable to show that he is possessed of a good sound business head and an alert appreciation of values. This Royal Reception week is devoted to featuring The Royal Tailors of Chicago and New York. And the clothes that these famous tailors deliver for but \$16 to \$35 are simply marvelous. The man who patronizes these tailors is the kind of man who is apt to get the best in all things—and get it at the least waste and expense. That's a pretty solid and desirable sort of man to have for a husband.

And by the way—you can come here with him too, if you like. You'll enjoy looking over the wondrous display of Spring Woolen and Worsted Novelties---many of them from Europe that the Royal Tailors have on display here.

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"HIGHWAY BOYS" BOUND OVER.

Two Youths Said to Be from La Grande, are Bound Over.

Baker, March 12.—Ed Newton and Chris. Alexander, said to hail from La Grande, accused of robbing Geo. Johnson in a saloon Monday night, waived examination at their preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace Hubbard yesterday, and were bound over to the grand jury. Frank Goodman, arrested also, on charges of Alexander that he received a portion of the money, was discharged. Alexander confessed the crime shortly after his arrest, but Newton has said nothing.

While Johnson claims to have been relieved of \$200, Alexander claims that the pocketbook taken from his pocket while they stood at the bar contained but \$15.

MAN AND WOMAN ARRESTED.

Price Gates and Josie Palmer Under Arrest for Alleged Disorders.

Price Gates locally known as "Doctor" and an old-time resident, and Josie Palmer, who is not new to municipal court dockets, were arrested last night charged with being drunk on the streets near the school house. Mrs. Palmer paid a \$15.00 fine this morning in municipal court and Mr. Gates stood trial, his case being set for 5 o'clock this evening.

LOST—A white Spitz dog, answers to name of Bubbles. Return to Geo. Touns and receive reward. 3-12-4f

HIKERS TO HOT LAKE.

Man Aged 71 Sets Example for Young Generation by Walk to Hot Lake.

The younger generation should sit up and take notice when it comes to questions of endurance. It is getting to be the custom that some kind of vehicle is absolutely necessary for transportation no matter how far the distance, whether five blocks or twelve miles. But it must be said to the credit of J. H. Hill, aged 71, Mrs. Henry Hill and Mrs. Henry Ritter, ages unknown, that they set the younger generations a good example by going to Hot Lake on foot. The performance was somewhat remarkable for the reason that a terrific wind was blowing against them all the time and that the trip lasted four hours. All were able to make the trip back on foot but declined to do this on account of approaching darkness. There is some talk of forming a walking club which will strive to make walking fashionable and try to bring it into the same prominence it had when our fathers and mothers were young.

Baker Talks Celebration.

Baker, March 12.—Whether or not Baker holds a celebration on the Fourth of July depends entirely on whether the people want it; or whether they are willing to put up the necessary cash. To decide the question, at the meeting of the Merchants' committee and others at the Commercial club last evening, five committee heads were appointed for the purpose of canvassing the city with subscription lists. If the necessary amount, \$2000,

is secured, the plans will be laid for here on a date that would conflict the event.

Charles K. DeNeff, chairman of the merchants' committee of the club, presided at the meeting last evening, which was fairly well attended. He stated that a chautauqua bureau had planned to hold a week's meeting here on a date that would conflict with the celebration. He asked the opinion of those present and all expressing themselves were opposed to holding the chautauqua.

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