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REPORT ON DAM FILED

IMPORTANT BUSINESS UP FOR CONSIDERATION.

Arc Light Question Deferred Until After Further Conferences.

The Warren Construction company notified the city commission at its midweek session last evening that it will soon have a crew here to make such repairs in pavement as are needed.

A petition for a gasoline storage tank at Fir and Adams was granted to T. F. Coward, the new Ford dealer. The arc light petition from Third and Adams was laid over until the whole question of electric lights and rates for the city are brought up after a conference with light company officials. Nothing concerning renewal of the contract came up last night.

A petition from the Y. M. C. A. for permission to affix a large sign on the city's welcome arch was granted.

The monthly estimate for the South La Grande sewer project now under construction was filed and allowed with 25 per cent holdout. The amount

as allowed was about \$2500. Reports on delinquent sewer and street assessments, and other matters pertaining to delinquent assessments were brought up and acted on.

The right of way between Dr. O'Conner and the city for the trunk sewer was verified and filed.

The Elks' water rent for the natatorium in their building came up again and the water superintendent was instructed to collect the amount due, about \$15 and it is likely that as soon as this is done some adjudication of the rate question for the natatorium will come up.

A new hydrant for East O avenue has been allowed, as added fire protection and to freshen water in the dead main ends in that vicinity.

Dam Report Read. Although no action was taken for the reason that Engineer Taylor who helped make the investigation was not attached to the report as yet due to absence from the city, the report of City Engineer Neal and Contractor Rush who with Engineer Taylor visited the intake dam recently, was read in commission meeting and laid over. The third signature will be affixed before action is taken. As read the report says:

La Grande, Ore., Aug. 30, 1916.—(To the Commission)—Gentlemen:—In accordance with your instructions I beg to report that I have carefully examined the Beaver creek dam and conditions concerning same and hand you

herewith a statement of my findings together with recommendations regarding the best possible course of action to pursue at the present time: The concrete in the dam at most all points is very soft and indications are such that it may never be expected to harden to any great extent. The surface of the wall indicates that the concrete was improperly poured which resulted in the separation of the coarser and finer materials, thus making seams which are especially noticeable in parts where the coarser gravel came in contact with the forms. It appears that the concrete was dumped in one place on each separate pour and permitted to run which naturally causes the separation of the different graded materials. Concrete in a structure of this nature should be poured in layers not exceeding one foot in depth, a practice which appears to have been neglected in this piece of construction. The concrete in the base of the dam up to a height of fifteen feet is some better than the part above, but has many soft spots. Between a height of 15 and 30 feet the concrete is extremely soft and poor and cannot be depended upon to withstand much pressure. The top portion of 18 inches has been mostly destroyed by freezing and is rapidly falling away. In all parts the concrete appears extremely porous.

The gravel used appears to have had the proper grading and sizes, but was dirty which necessitated washing. How thoroughly it was washed can only be proven by eye-witnesses who were present when the washing was performed.

The material used for sand has contributed to the failure of the concrete to harden to a greater extent than any other one factor. This so-called sand contains elements detrimental to cement, and has in my opinion prevented the concrete from properly setting and hardening. It is unusual that such material could have been mistaken for sand, as laboratory tests will show that when united with cement it gives very little strength and will not harden properly. Tests show that when made up in a mixture of three part of this so-called sand to one part of cement the mortar will develop less than 30 per cent of the strength of a mortar made of the same proportions of river sand.

At present there is considerable leakage through and under the dam. Water is coming through the dam at 11 different places, not in any great quantities, however, embarrassing. These leaks can probably be overcome by water-proofing the face of the dam. There is little or no occasion for leaks in the concrete had it been properly constructed, but the seepage under the dam might be expected under the best of regulations to a small extent. This seepage is not lost as it is recovered at the lower dam or old intake and is at present supplying the city with water.

On a whole the dam is a very poor piece of concrete construction and if left to stand in its present condition will endanger life and property lying below it. Were the dam to fail when the reservoir was filled with water the pipe line below would be damaged to an extent of no less than Six Thousand Dollars, and there would also be considerable amount of other damages to private property and livestock and possibly the loss of human life.

The first thing that must be done is to arrange means for keeping the water in the reservoir to an elevation of at least 10 to 12 feet below the top of the dam. The dam is now holding water to the afore-mentioned height

and although there is no certainty as to how long it will stand this strain it is probable that it will not go out.

I have submitted herewith plans of the proposed arrangement and construction of supports for the valve stems of the valves now in place and for the construction of three new 30-inch drains with wood gates. These three additional 30-inch drains if built now and kept open next spring during the high water season can keep the water down to such an extent that the dam need never be subjected to any great load.

I recommend that the three 30-inch drains be constructed and installed immediately and that the matter of constructing a new dam of concrete similar to the one now in place and the lowering of the present spillway be planned and estimated at once so that work can be started at the earliest possible time next year.

Respectfully submitted, R. R. NEAL, City Engineer, G. H. RUSH.

City Manager's Report.

General manager's report for the week ending August 26, 1916:

The fire department put out a grass fire at First and Division Aug. 24th. Eleven volunteers responded.

The police made no arrests; but collected \$15 fines and \$2 pound fees. They served 62 meals. Placed a yearling heifer in the pound.

The street superintendent spent \$28.50 for man and team; \$5 for a man; \$15 for white wing; \$34.45 cross walk lumber and \$1.05 side walk lumber and \$4.60 for spikes. Had thirteen and a fourth days work done by prisoners. Repaired a number of cross walks and bridges. Also sprinkled and flushed some.

The water department spent \$35.47 repairing leaks and hydrants. The reservoir above town was nearly drained the end of last week. Had the intake man open the valves fully and raise water on dam a foot by use of sacks filled with sand and dirt.

The O-W. pumped out of their artesian well for their use. The reservoir is now over two-thirds full. The danger lies in the fact that a fire might easily require enough water to drain the reservoir.

The Recorder collected \$15 fines; \$2 pound fees, and \$1 for two building permits.

The treasurer received \$375.66 water rent; \$1.50 for three electrical permits; \$864.73 Imp. Dist. Installments; \$270.64 Imp. Dist. Interest, and \$4.30 sewer district three, section 1-A. He paid \$9.80 for a warrant for the sinking fund.

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

Liquor Reduction Big.

"Investigation by people opposing the brewers' amendment to the prohibition law discloses a great reduction in the importation of liquor since the state went dry," says a Portland paper, and continues: "While Portland had four large breweries in 1915, the internal revenue office's figures shows that 70,000 barrels of liquor were brought into the state last year.

"This year, if every two-quart importation of whisky, brandy, rum, sacramental wine and alcohol were turned into 24 quarts of beer and if to this be added the amount of beer which is imported, there would still be but one barrel to every seven of last year.

"Benton county statistics disprove the statement that the decreased consumption of beer has been purchased at the price of increased consumption of hard liquor. The decrease in Benton is more remarkable when it is recalled that Benton was long under local option. After being cut off from the liquors imported from Independence, Polk county, in 1915, the records show that beer importation was reduced from 5781 quarts to 2146 quarts, decrease, 65 per cent; whisky, 1407 1-2 quarts to 738 quarts, decrease, 50 per cent; brandy, seven to four quarts, decrease, 45 per cent; gin, from ten to two quarts, decrease, 80 per cent; wine, 399 to 61 quarts, decrease, 85 per cent, or a 95 per cent decrease after counting off 40 quarts imported for sacramental purposes.

"Benton county had 13 cases for illegal liquor selling for the first five months of 1915; for the first five months of 1916, five cases, four of which were holdovers from 1915, a ratio of 13 to 1."

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