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CITY COUNCIL IN SHORT SESSION LAST EVENING

MEETING CALLED FOR THE PURPOSE OF VACATING PART OF STREET

MARSHAL TUPPER HAS RESIGNED

W. H. Craven Will Receive Appearances to Fill This Vacancy.

The shortest session ever held by an Independence city council took place last night. It was one minute and ten seconds from the time Mayor Moore called the meeting to order until a motion to adjourn was carried. Bohannon and Sloper were not present.

The meeting was for the purpose of hearing remonstrances against vacating a part of the street desired by the Oregon Milling Co. on which to build a grain pit. There being no one present to remonstrate the council ordered the city recorder to prepare the necessary ordinance. This ordinance will come up for consideration on May 1. It is generally conceded that it will be passed.

Marshal Tupper has served notice that he will resign his office May 1 and all those who would like to take his place at \$60 a month can make their ambition known to W. H. Craven, chairman of the police committee.

OREGON TO BE INVADED BY ARMY OF TOURISTS

Portland—Just a little later, when sultry Summer simmers in the East there is to be an unprecedented exodus of tourists to the Pacific Northwest, more particularly to Oregon, Washington and British Columbia. All signs portend their certain arrival, to follow the cool forest trails of the Pacific and assimilate scenery and information.

So says Herbert Cuthbert, of Seattle, executive secretary of the Pacific Northwest Tourist Association, who was in Portland yesterday conferring with local directors of the organization relative to the campaign for tourist travel that is now being carried out.

"From all indications," said Mr. Cuthbert, with high satisfaction, "it is absolutely certain that a large number of people who are busier now than they ever have been before, not only with their own affairs, but with the various phases of war work, are going to recuperate by taking vacations this Summer. Their vacations may not be as extended as they have been in other years, but all feel the absolute necessity of taking vacations."

"From the hundreds of letters received by us from business and professional men in the East, who have heard Frank Branch Riley lecture on the scenery of this region, we learn that many of them are going to take their vacations in the Pacific Northwest."

"This much is absolutely apparent from the many replies we are receiving from our campaign of magazine advertising which began in March and which will reach high tide in June, after which newspaper display space will take the field for the months of June and July."

GREEN B. SUVER, PIONEER DIED YESTERDAY FORENOON

Green B. Suver, one of the most prominent residents of Suver and a pioneer of Polk county, died yesterday forenoon. He has been identified with South Polk county affairs for many years and is the owner of considerable property. He is survived by Mrs. Suver and four sons and daughters.

PEDEE RED CROSS IS WORKING INDUSTRIOUSLY

The Pedee auxiliary of the Red Cross, with a membership of 46, has a dozen faithful workers, who since the organization of the auxiliary, have made 246 handkerchiefs, 20 wash cloths, 38 triangular bandages, 46 four-tails, 13 pair of knitted socks, 9 quilts, 600 surgical dressings, 8 napkins 4 tray cloths and 137 many-tails.

MISSED BUT NOT MOURNED

While this primary election may be considered rather dull as far as county politics is concerned, it has one virtue that those of two and four years ago did not have. This year we are not bothered with the two candidates for surveyor who failed to provide the wherewithal to pay their primary expenses.

CITY OF MONMOUTH WINS IN STREET-ROAD CASE

Latest—A special from Dallas late Thursday afternoon announces that the City has won a decisive victory in the paving matter. At the conclusions of the arguments, Judge Belt decided that Main street had always been Main street and had never been anything else, basing his opinion on the date of the records which had been placed in evidence.

In his concluding argument, Attorney Perkins abandoned all claim that any of the proceedings were irregular, but based his contention on the claim that the street was a county road, under the jurisdiction of the county court and had always been considered as such.

After the decision Mr. Perkins asked for a rehearing which was denied but was allowed ten days in which to file a brief in an effort to cause the judge to change his mind.

There is some talk of appealing the case to the Supreme court but in view of the plainness of the evidence and the decisive character of the decision, it is not likely that when the matter of cost is considered that any further step will be taken.

What's in a name? Considerable, the casual listener might have observed, hearing the testimony in the Circuit court Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning. For the second time in two weeks Monmouth affairs held the attention of the judge in Dallas, this occasion being the trial of Monmouth's more or less famed paving case.

The designation of Monmouth's central thoroughfare was the point in issue and directly conflicting testimony was given as to whether it was known as "Main street" or the "County road."

Attorney Oscar Hayter of Dallas represented the city and Attorney Perkins of Portland represented the delinquents. As a preliminary Attorney Perkins acknowledged that the proceedings were regular, and in conformity to the charter, but denied that the city had jurisdiction over the street, contending that it was under the control of the county court and not of the common council of the city of Monmouth.

Orville Butler testified that in 55 years experience and knowledge of the city he had never heard the thoroughfare known by any other name than as the County Road and had never heard the name Main Street used to designate it until two years ago. J. H. Mulkey and W. J. Mulkey gave similar testimony.

On the contrary, Attorney Hayter introduced the county records, showing that in the recorded report of the viewers, laying out the county road from Independence to Thorp's mills, and signed by Squire S. Whitman and others, the road was specifically described as passing over Main Street in Monmouth. Ira Powell also testified that in a long business experience in Monmouth he never knew any of his business associates to refer to their establishments as located on the County Road but always on Main Street.

John Moran proved the connecting link, his testimony being that some of the people of the city referred to it as Main Street and others as the County Road.

Attorney Perkins agreed that the city had exercised jurisdiction over the street, in regulating sidewalks and cross walks, granting privileges for placing telephone and electric light poles and laying water mains, but contended that the county had always had charge of the maintenance of the roadway.—Herald.

Notice to Red Cross Members.

A meeting will be held in the Red Cross rooms at 8 o'clock, Tuesday evening, April 30, to elect officers to serve for the balance of the year, and to elect a member of the central committee of Polk county.

Odd Fellows' Fete Is Elaborate Affair

Odd Fellowship was in full bloom in Independence last night and Valley lodge and its sister associate again added a link to the chain of good fellowship and fraternalism. The occasion was the 99th anniversary of the establishment of that splendid order which for a century has taken so important a part in the betterment of mankind. A count of those present revealed that there were 202 in the hall.

H. Hirschberg and Mrs. G. W. Conkey jointly presided but Mr. Hirschberg, recognizing the primary privilege of the gentler sex, graciously permitted Mrs. Conkey to do all the talking.

Beginning with the opening ode of the Order and a blessing prayer by Dr. Dunsmore, the male quartette, which consists of J. G. McIntosh, Paul Blackstone and C. W. and L. E. Barrick, gave two selections that were greatly appreciated.

Ernest Chown, the boy orator of the Willamette, followed with a declamation of merit concerning the Odd Fellow goat. According to Mr. Chown's interpretation of the words concerning this particular goat that it is generally rather particular who rides it. He also incidentally mentioned that it has been broken to a side saddle and will carry a lady clear thru the Rebekah degree in a very docile manner unless some one thoughtlessly sprinkles pepper on its whiskers.

B. F. Swope gave an interesting history of Odd Fellowship and paid tribute after tribute to the noble band of men and women who have for one hundred years labored industriously to relieve the distress and to care for the infirm, widows and orphans. He said that possibly with the exception of the churches, Odd Fellowship was the greatest power for good in the world.

Miss Williams, popular instructor in the high school, charmed the assembly with a vocal number, but repeated efforts to induce her to "come back" failed, much to general regret.

Miss Arbuthnot proved herself as usual a star of the first magnitude. She explained in the beginning that it was possible she had read everything in Independence she knew and proposed to start all over again. Miss Arbuthnot may have presumed that those present intended to have her read all her repertoire in one night by the loud and continued ap-

plause that greeted her every effort. She gave three numbers, all of which were so entertaining as to cultivate a taste for more.

Harry Mills of Salem followed with two difficult piano solos. Mr. Mills has just returned from the East where he has been a student of the piano. His music is to be laid aside now as he is to join the forces of Uncle Sam against the common Hun foe.

Miss Devore, of the high school corps, read a dramatic number with ability and received the all and undivided attention of her audience as she carried it thru with her to the climax.

A quartette of maids from the Normal combined youth and beauty with their good voices in their selections with such popular approval that they were obliged to give four numbers before being permitted to quit.

Dr. H. C. Dunsmore gave an eulogy of Odd Fellowship and also a portion of his time to the world's tragedy and wished that he was twenty years younger that he might be over there fighting with the boys in the battle of democracy. The doctor's address aroused all to a patriotic fervor which was exemplified in the lusty singing of "America" which followed his remarks as the closing number of the formal program.

The informal program was held in the banquet hall and consisted of sandwiches, pickles, cake, ice cream and coffee. It was liberally apportioned among the chosen two hundred and two.

While their names do not appear upon the written program, the dozen good brothers and sisters who stayed in the kitchen while the intellectual feast was being served in the lodge room, deserve their share in the glory of the evening.

The young people danced a few rounds of jim-along-jossie. One could not help but notice that those on the floor were principally young ladies and it kind of brought a lump into a fellow's throat. Word Butler and several other old bucks filled in tolerably well.

A year hence will occur an important epoch in the history of Odd Fellowship—the one hundredth anniversary—and the committee that has it in charge will have a tremendous task ahead of them to make it better and greater than the event of last night.

OPPOSES LETTING DISLOYAL KISS STARS AND STRIPES

Monmouth—(To The Post)—I have noticed those who have been disloyal to our country are allowed to kiss the American flag as a punishment for disloyalty.

As a son of a veteran, who has volunteered in this war with Germany and been rejected on account of overweight, I want to file my protest against allowing any disloyal citizen the privilege of kissing our flag. That is the privilege to be given only to those who have been loyal and faithful patriots.

It does not seem fair to the flag to allow a traitor's kiss upon its folds. Make the traitors humbly bow before Old Glory. Make them salute it. Make them acknowledge their disloyalty, but in heaven's name, don't allow them the privilege of kissing the pure Stars and Stripes.

YOURS FOR THE FLAG.

GOES TO LOOK FOR GOOD PHOTO PLAYS

Ross Nelson will go to Portland tomorrow to book another series of pictures for the Isis.

"I want to sign up for as good a bunch as our patronage will justify," he said yesterday. "I realize that the show houses in the Valley towns have suffered considerably from conditions growing out of the war and as far as we are concerned we are satisfied to break even until the return of normal times, so we are going to put all of our receipts into pictures. I will have something good booked before I get back."

JOHN TITUS AND MISS NELLIE KURRE MARRY

John Titus and Miss Nellie Kurre were united in marriage at the home of the bride's brother, W. S. Kurre, on Wednesday evening, April 15, Dr. H. C. Dunsmore tying the knot. The affair was kept a profound secret for nearly a week which accounts for the Post's tardy report of the affair. After the ceremony the happy young couple left immediately for Portland where they will reside.

Mr. and Mrs. Titus have many friends in Independence who unite in wishing them all the happiness and prosperity imaginable.

FLOUR DEALERS TO BE FURTHER RESTRICTED

Vendors of wheat flour have been further restricted by the Federal Food Administration. The quantity of wheat flour bought in May, June and July of this year cannot exceed 70 per cent of the amount purchased in the same months of last year. While this order does not effect the selling rules in force at present, it cuts down the amount that could be sold if the merchant had it to sell.

SHERIFF IS JAILED FOR BREAKING THE LAW

J. C. Applegate, sheriff of Washington county, and J. W. Bailey and C. B. Buchanan, prominent business men of Hillsboro, were arrested yesterday for importing liquor into the state, plead guilty and are now in jail. They were given 10 days and fined \$250. Applegate says he will resign as sheriff at once.

NO. 105
The name of
ASA ROY GRAVES
is added to South Polk county
Service List.

OREGON CROP REPORT BY WEATHER BUREAU

While the fore part of the week was cold and cloudy, the last few days with higher temperature were more favorable and growing crops responded quickly to the influence of the warm sunshine. Dry northerly winds caused some damage in badly needed.

The weather was ideal for forming operations generally and all classes of work progressed rapidly.

Cool nights still farther retarded the growth of winter wheat, rye and oats, but these crops continued excellent and much above the average. In some localities the early grain appears much better than the late sown. A few complaints of cutworms in wheat were received from Morrow and Wasco counties.

The seeding of barley, spring wheat and oats was completed in some counties, while in others none had yet been sown. The first seedlings were coming up to fairly good stands although the cold weather was not conducive to rapid germination.

Meadows were good but rather backward, and improved greatly during the last few days. Pastures and ranges require warmer weather for proper development and are much in need of rain in southern districts.

Livestock continues in very good condition.

The fruit situation is spotted. The later varieties have apparently escaped serious injury, although some orchardists in Jackson county have decided that their crops are damaged beyond recovery and have discontinued frost protection for the season, while in other fruit sections the bloom has been held back by the cold weather and so escaped the freeze of the fore part of the month.

Indications point to a normal crop of peaches in some of the valleys of Eastern Oregon, but in others this crop will be a total loss.

Corn planting has begun in Douglas and Marion counties. Truck crops are late on account of the cool weather, but garden planting was being rushed during the closing days of the week.

Warm April showers would be beneficial.

SALEM STEEL BRIDGE IS BEING BUILT RAPIDLY

Salem—Work is progressing rapidly on the new Salem steel bridge spanning the Willamette river, according to the state highway department. The contractors are now taking down the piers of the old bridge, and they will begin next week driving the false work for the new bridge. Concrete for the last pier for the new bridge will be poured the last of this week.

LOCAL FEUD AT PARKER BRINGS FEDERAL OFFICERS

POSTMISTRESS ALLEGES SHE HAS BEEN SHOT AT TWO TIMES.

TROUBLE IS LOCAL; NOT WAR ISSUES

Many Have Been Unjustly Accused They Claim Of Being Pro-German.

The following appeared in today's Portland Journal under a Salem date line:

Pro-Germans have been at war with the postmaster at Parker station, near Independence, in Polk county, and government officials are now making an investigation.

Two shots were fired at her recently, one barely missing her head and another passing through her skirts. It is thought the shots were fired by some person hidden beneath the railroad warehouse, close by the postoffice and railroad station.

The postmaster is also caretaker of the railroad station. On several occasions she, as postmaster, has received Liberty Loan advertising circulars for posting. As fast as she posted, some one would tear them down. This convinces government inspectors that pro-Germans or aliens are the source of the trouble.

From information given to The Post by residents of the Parker neighborhood it appears that the brethren and sisters there are not dwelling together in perfect harmony. Postmistress Mrs. Jesse Tann, an enthusiastic patriot, and several others have severed diplomatic relations it appears and the pot has been boiling for many months over matters that the war issues have nothing to do with. We have learned from various sources that some have been unjustly accused of being pro-German, that an effort is being made to have the postmistress removed and that nobody in the community would harm her for the world. Whether she has been shot at or whether anybody has torn down Liberty Loan bills we do not know.

GOVERNMENT WILL BUY OREGON CONDENSED MILK

Oregon condensaries will have an opportunity to get their share of government contracts, according to information given to Senator McNary.

While the failure of the government to purchase Oregon milk recently does not in any way account for the delay in building the condensary in Independence, still if K. C. could land a \$100,000 government contract to start with, it would help a lot.

Canning Season

is approaching and the far-sighted housewife will this year above all others buy her requirements early.

We advise that you do not delay in buying all of the jars that you need as a traveling salesman told us that only about ten per cent of the glass factories in the United States are running. We have quite a generous supply on hand and are selling Mason's for—

Pints	85c dozen
Quarts	\$1.0 dozen
½ Gallons	\$1.25 dozen
Zinc Caps	30c dozen

Yours Truly,
JOHNSON & COLLINS