



THE CITY COUNCIL

Holds Regular Session Tuesday Night. Mostly Routine Business Transacted.

The regular meeting of the city fathers was held at the Council Chamber Tuesday evening. Present: Mayor Shaw; Councilmen Britt, Fick, McIntyre and Ulrich, Recorder Dox.

Minutes of previous meetings were read and approved. Report of J. M. Cronmiller, city treasurer was read and ordered filed.

The usual monthly bills for street work, materials, lights, salaries, etc were read, audited and ordered paid.

The petition of Robert Jeffries asking that the office of plumbing inspector be created and that he be appointed to the position, was presented and ordered laid on the table.

Engineer Osgood presented specifications for tapping and making service connections with water mains and on motion the recorder was instructed to advertise for bids for doing said work, the bidder to furnish all necessary tools, materials and labor.

Council then adjourned to meet Tuesday evening, April 8th, at seven o'clock.

MINING HIS ORCHARD

Ashland Man Has Started Placer Proposition.

On the tract of orchard land owned by Judge C. B. Watson three miles southeast of Ashland is being operated a small placer mine from which has been taken an exceptionally good prospect of placer gold.

Some time ago an old prospector approached the judge and asked him if he knew that there was gold in paying quantities in the bed of Sheffield creek—a small stream flowing through his place—and proposed to the judge that he be allowed to mine it on a percentage basis. The judge told him that he was certain there were small deposits of gold there but that he did not care to have the property prospected in that manner but would employ a man to do the work under his direction.

Mr. Watson has put a man at the work who is now sluicing the bed of the creek and is getting some good prospects. The water from the big irrigation reservoir on the place is utilized for the sluicing process—and the man doing the work reports the prospect improving as the work is pushed farther up the stream.

Of course nothing definite can be told of the result of the work as the values are now in the sluice boxes and no effort has been made to clean them up but one can see little particles of quicksilver all over the bedrock to which small scales of gold are clinging.—Record.

ACCIDENT AT RESERVOIR

Tuesday Morning. Laborer Employed in Hydraulic Work Crushed by Slide of Rock and Earth.

A laborer named Ole Erickson, employed in the construction of the waterworks dam on Jackson creek was caught by a slide of earth and rocks Tuesday morning and so severely crushed that death ensued a few hours later.

Erickson with a fellow laborer named Swanson was handling the "giant" used in washing down a bank of earth and rocks when without warning, a mass of earth and rock weighing several tons becoming loosened, dropped upon the unfortunate man, bruising him externally and inflicting internal hurts from which he died after suffering a couple of hours.

The accident occurred about nine o'clock in the forenoon. The victim was hastily removed from the debris and taken to the house of his brother and medical aid summoned, but after removal to the house he failed rapidly and at noon died.

The deceased had been in the United States only a few months and made his home with his brother Eric who has resided here several years.

Corn Valuable Rotation Crop.

Corvallis, Ore., Mar. 30—Results of the corn breeding work of the agronomy department at the Oregon Agricultural College are beginning to have their effect in practically every region of the state, although the experiments have not as yet been published.

Although Oregon is a small grain growing state rather than a corn growing area, because of the cold nights and early fall rains, yet Prof. H. D. Seudder, head of the agronomy department, believes that a great deal may be done for this crop by breeding a hardier earlier maturing variety.

The corn crop in Oregon undoubtedly will never displace barley as a feed for fattening other stock, yet it not only has great value for this purpose, especially where it may be pastured off by pigs without harvesting, but is even more valuable as a cultivated crop in rotation. No rotation for the maintenance of soil fertility is complete without a crop which will allow the thorough cultivation of the fields, not only to rid them of weeds which multiply in small grain or hay fields, but also for the excellent effects upon the physical qualities of the soil through thorough and frequent stirring. The corn is also valuable as a manure consumer, taking the place in the rotation in which the barnyard manure may be profitably used.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS.

Sealed proposals for the tapping of water mains and making service connections in said City will be received at the office of the City Recorder up to April 8th 1912, at 7 o'clock P. M.

The contractor to furnish all tools, appliances, material and labor necessary to produce the finished result in accordance with the specifications on file in the office of the City Recorder.

Bids to specify a flat rate for each connection complete in place.

Specifications may be had at office of City Recorder.

HENRY G. DOX,
City Recorder.

Why He Was Late.

"What made you so late?"
"I met Smithson."
"Well, that is no reason why you should be an hour late getting home to supper."
"I know, but I asked him how he was feeling, and he insisted on telling me about his stomach trouble."
"Did you tell him to take Chamberlain's Tablets?"
"Sure, that is what he needs." Sold by all dealers.

PORTLAND LETTER

Culture of Flax in Oregon to be Encouraged. Advertising Matter will be Circulated.

Portland, Ore., Apr. 2—A movement to stimulate the culture of flax in Oregon is being favored by the Portland Commercial Club. Mr. E. H. Smith, Western Seed Manager of the American Linseed Oil Co. offered to guarantee the farmers of Oregon a minimum price for all seed that could be raised and to take all that would be offered to his company. He also agrees to find a market for all the fibre as well.

As the market price for some years has been much higher than the guaranteed minimum price, in fact is now \$2.08 per bushel, it may readily be seen that this should prove a profitable crop for Oregon farmers. It is estimated that Oregon soil will produce 12 to 15 bushels of seed per acre, and from two to two and one-half tons of straw, which is worth \$5 per ton.

The company guarantees to furnish seed to growers at absolute cost to them, the seed to be of a superior quality. Mr. Smith estimates the cost of seed at \$2.40 per bushel and that it requires about one-half a bushel per acre for seeding. On this basis it is asserted that there will be a very large margin of profit over and above the growing of other staples, such as oats and wheat. It was also reported at the meeting that Mr. M. L. Jones, of Brooks, Oregon, has about 35 bushels of flax seed which he will be glad to donate to anyone who will guarantee to sow it.

It was the sense of the committee that if the farmers of Oregon would take up the growing of flax it would secure for Oregon a new crop that would not only be a profitable one but would also provide for bringing to the state the flax manufacturing industry and make possible the manufacture of linens, crash, twines, nets and other allied products.

For some months a special committee of the Portland Commercial Club has been studying the subject. The report of their experts show that no better fibre than that produced in the Willamette Valley can be grown anywhere in the world. The climate of this part of the country is also favorable to the development of fibre flax, and it was shown that the climate of Eastern Oregon is ideal for the production of flax seed for oil purposes.

The officials of the Oregon Agricultural College have been asked to give the movement their endorsement, and Mr. Smith was in Corvallis Monday with Dr. Withycombe. He also telegraphed for his expert, Mr. A. P. Allensworth, who has been engaged in flax demonstration in the Dakotas and Montana for several months, to come to Portland. The movement has received the endorsement of the O. W. R. & N. Co. and the Oregon Electric Co. and their experts will work in association with Mr. Allensworth.

Circulars will be distributed through the state setting forth the advantages of growing flax and its possible financial returns and a vigorous campaign on behalf of the cultivation of flax will be carried on.

OSGOOD IS A CANDIDATE.

For Republican Nomination For County Surveyor. Planned Water System For This City.

T. W. Osgood, the well known civil engineer of Medford, who has had supervision of the construction of the water system for this city has announced himself as a candidate for the republican nomination for county surveyor.

The ability of Mr. Osgood as an engineer has been proven to our citizens by the work done here and which is now almost completed at a cost of approximately \$65,000., comprising a storage reservoir having a capacity of 30,000,000 gallons, a gravity supply line, a settling reservoir a distributing system comprising about four miles of water mains. The plans, specifications and surveys were all made by Mr. Osgood and the success of the system is admitted by all.

Mr. Osgood has had charge of several large engineering schemes in the valley besides the one here, notably among which was the planning and construction of the water and sewer systems at Central Point, and in every instance he has made good.

AUTO TURNS TURTLE

Near Bybee's Ranch on Medford Road. Three Men Injured.

As a result of fast driving, an automobile turned turtle on the Medford road at Bybee's corner Saturday evening about six o'clock. The auto was owned by John Barneburg of Medford and was driven by his brother-in-law E. V. Kellogg, the other occupants were Geo. Stacy and A. Armstrong.

Both Barneburg and Kellogg are reported severely injured. Stacy slightly injured and Armstrong escaped unhurt. The accident is said to have been caused by attempting to turn the corner at high speed, the machine turning a complete somersault and landing right side up again.

PETITIONS FOR NOMINATIONS

Filed with County Clerk up to Closing Hour Wednesday Evening.

The time for filing petitions for nomination at the primary April 19, expired at 5 o'clock Wednesday evening. Those wishing to enter the race at the election in November have still a chance left however, they may run independently.

The following list contains the names of candidates for county offices, viz:

County Judge—Geo. W. Dunn and F. E. Merrick, Rep.; J. R. Neil and F. L. Tou Velle, Dem.

Surveyor—T. W. Osgood, Frank Grisez, M. McCown, H. C. Stoelckmar, and R. P. Cowgill, all Republicans.

Coroner—A. E. Kellogg and H. C. Stock, Rep.

Representative in State Legislature—J. A. Westerlund, John H. Curkin, Rep.; G. E. Barkdull and H. L. DeArmond, Dem.

Assessor—W. T. Grieve, Rep. Martin McDonough and J. C. Barnard, Dem.

Treasurer—James M. Cronmiller, Rep.

Superintendent of Schools—J. Percy Wells, Rep.

Commissioner—W. C. Leever, George Lyman and W. C. Smith, Rep.; W. Daley, Dem.

Sheriff—Willard A. Jones, Dem.; A. D. Singler and Emmett Beeson, Rep.

County Clerk—N. L. Narreagan, G. A. Cardner and W. F. Quisenberry, Rep.; W. H. Miller, Dem.

Recorder—Chauncey Florey and Fred Colvig, Rep.; Robert L. Taylor, Dem.

Joint Representative—C. E. Whisler, Rep.

Prosecuting Attorney First District—H. K. Hanna and J. N. Johnston, Rep. F. E. Kelly, Dem.

Of the thirty-eight candidates above named, 27 are republicans and 11 are democrats, sixteen gave Medford as their residence.

VETERAN OF CIVIL WAR

Dies at his home in Applegate Alley Sunday, Aged 87.

John S. Miller, an Indian war veteran, who came to Oregon in 1846 and to Jackson county in 1851, died at his home on the Applegate, Sunday, Mar. 31, 1912, aged 87 years, 3 months and 7 days.

Mr. Miller was born in Clay county, Missouri, Dec. 25, 1824. He came to Oregon across the plains and in early days was city marshal in Medford.

Mr. Miller leaves six children. They are Mrs. Pen. H. T. G. Houston of Applegate, Mrs. L. M. Culp of Channah, Cal., and John G. Miller, E. W. Miller, W. L. Miller, of Applegate.

Funeral was held at Griffin creek Tuesday afternoon.

Bank Destroyed.

The Pine Belt Bank at Bulte Falls burned at an early hour Tuesday, the furniture and building being entirely destroyed.

Tuesday evening at 8:30 fire started from a defective flue. It was seen and thought out at that time, but the flames started again about 1:30 in the morning.

Cashier Barker, who sleeps in the building, had a very narrow escape with his life. He announced this morning that the bank would be at once rebuilt. The building was insured.

Electric Sparks

Rob Fitzsimmons might not be able to stand in the ring and argue out disputed points with Jack Johnson, but as his own personal and private white man's hope the lanky one is still a freckle trimmed success.

We know not how the Sox will come out later, but at present they are having some trouble in taking candy from kids.

Now, what will April do to prove that it is worse than March was.

That swishing sound you hear is made by the impure food people sighing with relief at Dr. Wiley's resignation.

We are becoming too well trained to think that any snowstorm is the last.

"Tama Jim" might do worse than have his resignation follow Doc Wiley's.

Col. Bryan never caused any uneasiness to the Republican Party until he began nominating its candidates.

If Congress should cut off the President's traveling expenses Woody Wilson wouldn't take the job.

WHAT'S THE REASON?

Many Jacksonville People in Poor Health Without Knowing the Cause.

There are scores of people who drag out a miserable existence without realizing the cause of their suffering. Day after day they are racked with backache and headache; suffer from nervousness, dizziness, weakness, languor, and depression. Likely the kidneys the kidneys have fallen behind in their work of filtering the blood and that is the root of the trouble. Look to your kidneys, assist them in their work—give them the help they need. You can use no better remedy than Doan's Kidney Pills.

Below is grateful testimony from a sufferer in this locality.

Mrs. Stella Van Winkle, 324 W. Jackson St., Medford, Ore., says: "I first came to find out the merit of Doan's Kidney Pills while living in Paterson, N. J., and so well did they serve me at that time that ever since I have been here I have used them when annoyed with backache or trouble with my kidneys."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

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Mackerel, Salmon

Bellies, Smoked

Salmon and Codfish

Ulrich Brothers

Leading Merchants