

NO TAKERS FOR BONDS

Only One Bid Submitted, Calling For Bonds at Six.

COUNCIL PASSES LIGHT BILL

City's Street Lights Are Reduced From \$110 to \$80 Per Year Under New Contract.—Other Proceedings of the Regular Meeting.

Disappointment was apparent in the municipal council Monday night when no bids were received for the \$100,000 five-per cent water bonds offered by the city, and the aldermanic body evidently came to the conclusion that its modus operandi had been defective in some important particular, and its efforts for the hole through which began feeling had unknowingly slipped. It had been expected that there would be a number of bidders, for gravity water bonds are considered the very best on the market, and Cottage Grove's credit is giltedge. Thirty inquiries from all the principal bond companies had been received, and the information asked for given. Keen & Company of Chicago made an offer on 6 per cent twenty-five-year water bonds of \$104,000, bonds to be delivered at Cottage Grove, and principal and interest payable either in that city or Chicago, said bonds to be dated January, 1910. A closing paragraph added: "Or will take a 5 per cent bond on the same basis." This latter clause was not understandable, and the recorder was instructed to open telegraphic communication with the Chicago concern to determine its meaning. This can hardly be considered a bid, because the ordinance states explicitly that the date of the bond issue shall be March 1; that the bonds shall be 5 per cent, and shall be sold at par.

The council entered into a new contract with the Cottage Grove Electric Lighting company for a period of five years, the new contract increasing the number of lights, but not the company's revenue.

Mayor Job called the council to order, and for the first time in four months every alderman responded when his name was called. Mr. Holgate, who has been absent in the mountains, was in his seat, notice having been served upon him at the instance of the council that unless he appeared at the meeting of January 3 his office would be declared vacant.

The street committee had granted Mr. Jones further time in which to construct a sidewalk, inasmuch as that gentleman's intention is to build of concrete, which cannot be successfully done at this time.

A petition for a light at the corner of Second and E. streets was referred to the street committee, after which a report from Engineer Kurtz regarding the sewer work done by Mr. Hart the past season was read. The work was approved, except insofar as one catch basin is concerned, that being too high and the opening on the side not screened.

The report of Engineer Roberts on the cost of the proposed gravity water system was read and accepted. This report was published in The Sentinel last week.

Alderman Lawson reported that nearly enough money had been raised for the proposed sewer on the east side of the track, but the committee was waiting for a Southern Pacific representative to come hither from Portland to investigate before reporting fully.

Alderman Lawson also reported that The Sentinel was the only bidder for the printing of the charter and ordinances, authorized by the council at a previous meeting, and that its bid was \$1.12 per page for 150 copies. Owing to the volume of the ordinances the amount asked for to perform the work, Alderman Lawson said, would be insufficient for the purpose, and here the matter died.

The lighting ordinance was then placed on its third reading, but underwent some changes as the recorder proceeded down the lengthy page. The contract as finally unanimously passed by the council provides for five years' street lighting, arcs to be paid for at the rate of \$80 per year, and 32 candle-power lights at the rate of \$18 per year, all 16 candle-power lights to be discontinued, the minimum annual charge to be not less than \$2,825. This is \$2.92 less per year than the old contract, with more lights and better service.

Mr. Shinn of the Lighting company, in discussing the proposed contract, said the plant at present was overloaded, and that \$15,000 to \$20,000 would be expended in improvements if the contract was entered into, without which assurance it would be impossible to build up the plant. The mayor wanted to lay the matter over until the next meeting that a new ordinance might be prepared and save interlineations, but Aldermen Kime and Lawson objected strenuously and the ordinance authorizing the contract was adopted.

Ordinance No. 248, relating to loaf-

ing and loitering in the public streets, alleys and parks between the hours of 12 and 5 a. m., and providing a penalty not to exceed \$25, was passed.

The matter of bids for the water bonds was then taken up, and the proposal of Keen & Company was read. Cashier Hall, of the Bank of Cottage Grove, said the bid was not for the bonds advertised. Alderman Lawson said the difference between a five and six per cent bond would amount to \$25,000 in the twenty-five years. Mr. Wood said the additional net cost to the city would be \$16,000.

Alderman Lawson had expected bids from Portland and Seattle, and there must be some reason for not getting any. Bond houses may consider it too large an undertaking for a town of this size, or perhaps we haven't gone at it right. This bid, he said, is out of the question.

Mr. Hall said the trouble was that no provision has been made for creating a sinking fund. The purchasers of bonds want a guarantee of payment of principal and interest.

The mayor said the ordinance provided that if the revenue from the water system was insufficient the council was given the right to levy a tax for the purpose.

Mr. Wood said Mr. Hall's statement was probably true. Bond houses want a fund for the purpose only.

Alderman George Atkinson moved a postponement of the matter, and that the recorder be instructed to correspond with Keen & Company, which motion prevailed.

Alderman Bartel introduced the question of raising the health officer's salary to \$10 per month, inasmuch as the government now requires a weekly report. The matter was referred to Alderman Kime for investigation and a report at the next meeting.

DOINGS AT DIVIDE.

Charles Taylor and family returned last week to Divide from California, where he had been logging.

Fritz and Add Soderstrom spent the holidays in Divide.

School commenced last Monday morning with eighteen scholars enrolled. This term is also taught by J. H. Gardner.

There will be a party at Geo. Miller's home on Saturday night. All be there with bells.

Geo. Lewis of Washington visited here this week. He, with his family, will cook in the Brown Lumber Co's camp.

Pereni Bros. are loading cars for F. M. Chapin.

Three loggers, employed by Algiers, from Skamopawa Wash., spent a week of Xmas cheer at the Soderstrom home, on Fern Ridge.

Jesse Gardner returned last Saturday afternoon from Monmouth.

Homer Hawley and sister left for Eugene last Sunday. School began Monday January 3.

F. N. Soderstrom made a business trip to Southern Oregon on Monday.

The Goodman girls spent Xmas at Junction City.

Willis Gildersleve and wife visited Lees on Monday evening.

Grell Soderstrom is on the sick list.

B. H. Lee has a fine road from Divide to his mill. This road has been a great expense to him.

Prof. Mahoney of Dorena visited Divide on Tuesday evening.

Farmers of this section are wondering how the crop will come through. Jack Frost was here all last week.

Working for Tin-Pail Brigade.

The working party of the Commercial club held a lengthy session Wednesday night, when several matters of importance were considered. The committee has undertaken to induce the location here of woodworking industries, a move which The Sentinel considers most commendable inasmuch as an augmented tin-pail brigade would be of great value to Cottage Grove. There is every reason to believe that, notwithstanding the fact that the committee is working to some disadvantage on account of transportation rate, with the proper effort such industries may be secured.

Enjoyed Skating.

The cold weather of the past week has afforded excellent skating for lovers of this sport in Cottage Grove. The ponds have been the scene of a goodly number of skaters every forenoon. It has been a long time since it was cold enough to have much ice skating here and the skaters are getting their fill of the sport this season. The weather conditions have been an exception to the rule all over the country and it is indeed an exception in this valley. The light snow-fall during the night made it appear more like winter.

Drain Is Progressive.

An ordinance granting to the Drain Light & Power Company a franchise to light Drain with electricity has been introduced in the council. The council has called an election for a vote in the issuance of \$15,000 bonds for a water system and \$5000 for sewers. It is planned to begin repairing and grading the streets at once. The occupation tax ordinance has been repealed.

Evangelist Kellums addressed the students of the high school on Tuesday afternoon.

REPORT OF SCHOOLS

Second of Series of Debates at Armory Tonight.

ONE TEAM AT SPRINGFIELD

Enrollment for Month of December Is 541.—Parents Take Interest in the Christmas Exercises—General News of the Public Schools.

Total enrollment, 541. No tardy marks in the following rooms: E. H. Inlow, Katie A. Wilson, Adele White. Only one tardy mark in the following: Margaret Riley, Olah E. Mickey. Total number of tardy marks, 20.

Nearly all of the rooms had fine decorations and Christmas trees, and excellent literary exercises, on Friday Dec. 24. We were pleased to see the number of parents present at the exercises.

Our debating teams have been busy getting ready for the first regular debate which occurs Friday evening Jan. 7, at the Armory hall. The question for discussion is this: Resolved, "That a state law should be passed providing that school districts should supply free text books in the public schools below the high school grade." Misses Gladys Farley, Myrtle DeSpain, and Armorel Sutcliffe support the affirmative at Cottage Grove against Junction City, negative team composed of Herbert Thom, Misses Audrey Howard and Nellie Harper. Mr. Ben King, Misses Myrtle Kem and Allie Phillips support the negative side of the question at Springfield against the Springfield team, composed of Oren Hayes, Olive Smith and Bess Hackett. Judges for Springfield debate are Dr. J. N. Smith of Salem, Hon. L. M. Curl of Albany, and Prof. W. E. Kirk of Willamette University. Judges at Cottage Grove are Hon. A. M. Crawford of Salem, Alfred J. Schmidt of Albany.

From a letter received recently from Prof. E. E. DeCon of the University of Oregon we quote the following: "You will be interested to know that in a series of try-outs for places on the coming debate between the University of Oregon and the University of Utah, all three places were won by High School Debating League men, two of them being freshmen. Furthermore, several more of the League men showed up so well that they are likely to make the teams which the University of Oregon will send against the University of Washington and Idaho in their triangular league. No stronger evidence of the valuable training given in the League debates could possibly be given."

To meet the expenses of the debate tonight an admission of 25 and 35 cents will be charged. Owing to the special services in the different churches the debate will not begin until 8:15 p. m. This will give all an opportunity to attend the services at the churches and the debate also. A full attendance is desired. Encourage our home team by your presence. Loyalty to our public schools can be shown by coming out to hear the debate.

E. K. BARNES, Supt.

After Fine Timber.

The great stand of magnificent fir timber on the Siletz, estimated conservatively at 10,000,000,000 feet, is the prize toward which the Harriman interests have cast their eyes in its survey from Yaquina to Newport, on the Corvallis & Eastern. The surveyors have only within the past week or 10 days completed the running of the line a distance of some five miles. Construction work will be undertaken in time to complete the extension during the spring. Newport possesses excellent advantages for water terminals, where the vast resources of Lincoln county may be laid down for trans-shipment in coastwise or offshore trade.

Real Estate Transfers.

S. G. Lockwood to Anna Lockwood, 1-3 of an acre in sec. 29, tp. 20, 3 w, McFarland's 5th add to Cottage Grove; \$1.00.

S. G. Lockwood to Ursula H. Lockwood, 1-3 acre in sec. 29, tp. 20, 3 w; \$1.00.

S. G. Lockwood to Gertrude E. Lockwood, 1-2 acre in sec. 29, tp. 20, 3 w, \$1.00.

S. G. Lockwood to Mildred G. Wallace, 1-3 acre, sec. 29, tp. 20, 3 w, \$1.00.

Administrator's notice of hearing of final account.—Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Administrator of the estate of George W. Kerr, Jr., deceased, has filed his final account in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Lane County, and the same has been set for hearing on January 3rd., 1910, at 2:00 o'clock p. m. All persons having objections to said account are hereby notified to appear at said time and place and present the same.

GEORGE W. KERR, Sr., Administrator.

J. C. JOHNSON, Attorney for Administrator.

The plumbers have had their inning during the past week.

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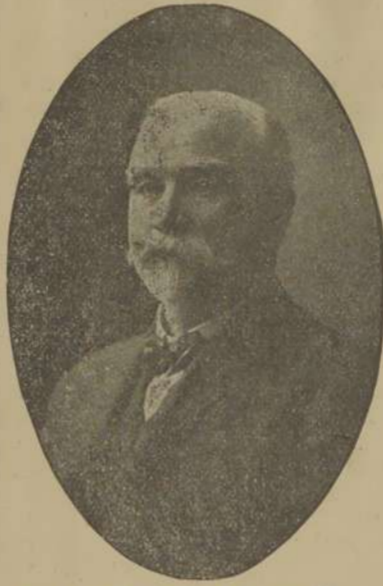
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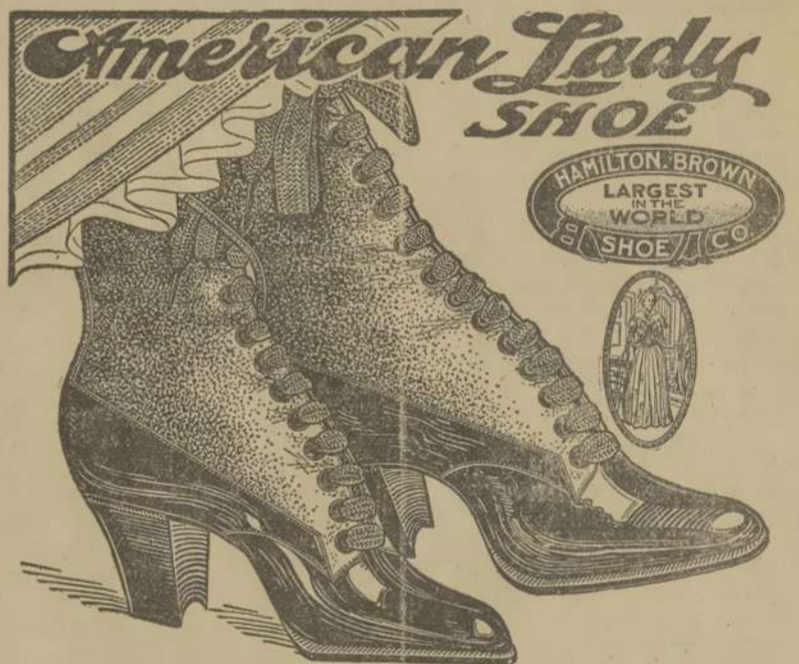


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