

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING.**

**A Most Decorous and Business-like Session.**

The city council met in regular session Monday evening. Present, Mayor Cook, Councilmen Hurlburt, Hughes, Hamilton and Monahan. Councilman Beebe was out of the city.

The mayor declared himself in no uncertain sound in reference to the "batters in," who have made a practice of hitherto taking up the time of the council by joining in the discussion of every measure which might come up. He said, "This is a meeting of the council for the transaction of public business, and that outsiders would not be allowed to consume the time, or even speak, except upon request of the council." This was sufficient and our city legislators were allowed to transact business free from outsiders. The result was phenomenal, and the council attended to its business with dispatch.

Bills were allowed as follows: C. R. Oegan, marshal, salary for November; St. Johns Review for printing \$15.

Petitions were received: From residents of the vicinity, to locate one of the arc lights on the corner of Ivanhoe and Fissenden streets. Referred the street committee.

A petition signed by all of the business men and a number of residents, asking the council "to take such steps as may be necessary to secure a reasonable number of hydrants for fire protection in the business district. We would call your attention, most earnestly, to the immediate and pressing need of these hydrants. At the present time the business district is entirely unprotected, and at the mercy of the first little blaze that may come along. It is evident to any one that should a fire of any sort get started among the business houses that the entire business district would be practically wiped out. This being the case we respectfully urge your honorable body to take such steps as will cause the water company to lay such mains and establish hydrants as may be necessary, all in compliance with their charter."

This petition was referred to the water committee, with instructions to investigate, and when ready to report a special meeting of the council will be called to act in the premises.

A petition from M. L. Holbrook asking that a certain portion of Philadelphia street be vacated, in return for which he proposes to dedicate a part of lot 6, block four, being in the block known as Swigert Park. Mr. Holbrook adds: "In this connection I would call your attention to the fact that the projection of said lot 6 as it now stands, runs practically across the head of Philadelphia street, and will, as business grows, become a very serious hindrance to the street traffic. For whatever the portion dedicated exceeds the portion vacated by me, I will pay into the city treasury a sum of money sufficient to cover the value of same, based on a valuation of \$1000.00 for a full lot of 5,000 square feet. The benefit to all parties concerned, if this matter can be consummated, is too evident to need special mention, by me, and will, I have no doubt, appeal to your judgment."

A petition to establish a grade and have obstructions removed therefrom between Jersey street and the woolen mills, was granted, and the street committee authorized to act in the matter.

On motion, J. Henry Smith was appointed city engineer, without salary, except when employed on city work.

In this connection the question of grades came up. It was shown that City Engineer Smith had made a survey and furnished profiles establishing a grade for Jersey street, but the council never took any action thereon, to give force to the work done by the city engineer.

The license committee, to whom was referred the petition of Smith Bros. of Portland, for a reduction of peddler's license, reported adversely thereon. During the discussion of this subject, it developed that the license law is being evaded by the petitioner, who now takes orders one day and delivers the following day. A license fee might be placed on all non-residents, soliciting trade from the consumer, which would put a stop to this kind of opposition to our home people.

The charter committee reported progress, as per copy printed in last week's Review.

No other business before the council the "outsiders" were given a chance for a word. City Engineer Smith spoke in favor of the city acquiring the Swigert Park property for

city uses. The marshal spoke briefly. The council adjourned.

**Civic Improvement League.**

St. Johns Civic Improvement League met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. Henry Smith. Mrs. Allen Blackburn's section of the literary department had charge of the meeting. Splendidly written papers were read. Mrs. Adams presenting in an able and eloquent manner the phase of home improvement to be received in the cultivation of flowers, naming in detail the flowers best adapted to this particular soil and climate and the proper time for planting in order to obtain the best results.

Mrs. Blackburn read an interesting article on Luther Burbank, known as the wizard of the age, of horticulture and horticulture.

Mrs. Manning read a paper on "Our Snow Capped Peaks," which was much appreciated by all.

After the program a short business session was held, the main question coming up for consideration being—shall the league lend its support to the raising of funds for the saving to the city of the park of beautiful trees, so soon to feel the weight of the woodman's axe. A committee was appointed to meet with the commercial club and confer and discover the advisability of taking up this cause at this time. The committee: Mrs. Allen Blackburn, Mrs. J. Henry Smith, Mrs. Frank Smith, Mrs. Manning and Mrs. Shepard.

The meeting then adjourned to partake of dainty refreshments prepared by the hostess. The members and invited guests then departed, voting the afternoon a very pleasant one.

**Commercial Association Meeting.**

The association met in Peterson's hall. About twenty-five were present. The school meeting was the cause of the rather small attendance. A committee consisting of H. Bickner, Charles, Carlson, Couch and Monahan to consider the matter of arranging some kind of entertainment, the committee to report at the next meeting. It was decided to call a meeting next Tuesday evening for the purpose of organizing a volunteer fire department. The meeting will be held at Peterson's hall at 7:30 Tuesday evening. Owing to the importance of the school meeting an early adjournment was taken till next Wednesday evening, when the charter and other important matters will come up for action.

**CHURCH NOTES.**

Seventh Day Adventist.—Sabbath school at 10 A. M.; regular service at 11 A. M. every Sabbath. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. E. D. Hurlbert, Elder.

M. E. Church.—Preaching 11 A. M. and 7 P. M.; Sunday school 10 A. M.; class meeting 12 M. Prayer meeting Thursday evening 7:30 P. M. Epworth League, 6:30 P. M. Sunday. Junior League 2:30 P. M. Sunday.

The First United Evangelical church of St. Johns.—Preaching every Sunday at 7:30 P. M. and 11 A. M.; Sunday school at 10 A. M.; Jr. K. L. C. E., at 2:30 P. M.; Sr. K. L. C. E., at 6:45 P. M.; Prayer meeting on Thursday at 7:30 P. M. the first half hour spent in subjective study of the new Testament, last half in devotional service. Song service every Friday at 7:30 P. M. All are invited and welcome to attend the services announced above. E. E. McVicker, pastor.

Congregational services will be held in Bickner's hall next Sunday Dec. 11, at 3:3 P. M. Rev. E. L. House, of Portland, will preach.

The special services which have been held in the Evangelical church for the past three weeks were discontinued on last Sunday evening to be taken up again a little later in the winter. The result of the meeting was quite successful both in conversions and accessions to the church.

The subject at the Evangelical Church on Sunday, 11 a. m., Education; 7:30 p. m., God's Call to the Sleeper. Both to be presented by the pastor.

Christmas Eve will be observed at the Evangelical Church with a Christmas tree and a program rendered by the Sunday school. The preparation of the program is well under way under auspices of the program committee. The program will be published later.

**SOCIETY NOTICES.**

St. Johns Camp No. 773, W. C. W., meets every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock p. m., Bickner's hall, St. Johns. Consul commander, R. C. Clark; clerk, Wesley Penny.

St. Johns Carap No. 7546, Modern Woodmen of America, meets every Tuesday evening, at Bickner's hall. C. D. Edwards, council; E. T. Thompson, clerk.

Camp No. 3544, Royal Neighbors of America, meets every second and fourth Tuesday evenings. Mrs. Emma Gillum, oracle; Mrs. E. S. Churchill, recorder.

The Commercial Association of St. Johns, meets every first and third Wednesday evenings of each month, at city hall. W. H. King, president; C. D. Hurlbert, secretary.

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