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ADJOURNED MEETING.

City Council Closes The Adjourned Meeting Monday Night.

The second adjourned meeting of the city council was held on Monday evening—and had a lively session till after ten o'clock. All members were present when Mayor King gavelled the table and were ready for business.

Committee on securing signatures of property owners along Jersey street reported that all but three owners had signed the waiver of rights, and those three would sign as quickly as the document reached them. The council adopted the report.

The matter of the bill presented by C. R. Organ, through his attorney, was brought up. The bill was for \$240 for services as marshal of the town for four months—and a desire to stop legal proceedings has been expressed by both sides. The matter was referred to the ways and means committee with directions to investigate the work done and report at an early date.

A petition was presented by Sam Cochran asking the council, in view of the strained financial condition of the town until the next levy shall have been collected, to grant license for the sale of liquors under restrictions and at a price which that body might consider most advisable. There were two hundred names of taxpayers upon the petition—and these names were read to the board.

Mr. Aaronson at once addressed the board. He stated that the board was pledged to carry out the wishes of the people; that the vote last month showed 147 against the granting of license and 101 for it; that there were names on the petition that legally had no right to sign it; that those who wanted liquor could get it elsewhere without the bother of having saloons here. He thought there were other ways to raise money.

Mr. Black considered the bringing of the matter before the board a direct insult to that body. These two speakers were not members of the council.

Mr. Edwards said he was not a temperance crank; he would have granted license if the vote had been that way; as it was, however, even if President Roosevelt or Governor Chamberlain had signed the petition he would not vote to grant license.

Councilman Leggett was of the same opinion. Councilman Brice did not dispute the list of signers, but wondered why the people had changed their minds so soon following election. He had not changed his views—and wanted to issue license only as the people wanted it.

Councilman Thompson said he had never changed his views; yet he realized that just now the revenues of the city were in bad shape and he saw no way out of it except to issue the license asked for. Saloons will soon be across the river and north of town; there certainly could be no harm in helping the city treasury by granting license here for a year.

Councilman Shields had repeatedly heard that the council should do as the people ordered—and they by vote had said no license; they had voted to shut up the cows and, although he was opposed to it, he voted to have it done. He thought the revenues from the license would be used by extra police and expenses.

Right here things began to get a bit personal and it looked to a man up a telephone pole as if one had better take to the tall timber; but the thing lasted only a couple of minutes. The matter was very fully discussed. Finally, Mayor King said he saw no other way to secure adequate revenue for the fiscal year than to grant license; he would be pleased to have some suggest a plan; he called for an opinion from W. V. Jobs.

Mr. Jobs knew the city needed money but he considered that the voters had given their desires at the polls. However, if license should be granted, he favored a high rate and the allowing of only responsible men to conduct the same. If the law should be broken he favored rescinding the license and a forfeiture of money paid.

Attorney Greene felt that he had no right to talk upon the matter as he was an employe of the council. As Mr. Shields had said there were ways to provide for revenue he would suggest that Mr. Shields be chairman of a committee of three appointed by the mayor to formulate some plans. Later on the mayor appointed Messrs. Shields, Leggett and Brice as such committee.

Upon motion to accept the petition for future action Messrs. Brice, Edwards, Leggett and Shields voted nay; and Messrs. Lindquist, Leggett and Brice as such committee.

John Wilson sold his home on Fillmore street the first of the week to John R. Weimer. Another case where the Johns predominate.

POSTOFFICE HOURS

Claimed That Hours Are Not Long Enough For Public.

For several weeks THE REVIEW office has heard lots of kicks regarding the hour at which the Saint Johns postoffice closed at night. It is possible this kick has been heard before this—yet it seems to have now taken on new life.

"This closing at six o'clock is a nuisance," said one laboring man. "I get through my work at six and then have to walk some distance home. It is a couple blocks out of my way to go to the office but I'd gladly do it if the office was open. Sometimes I have a neighbor get my mail—but I hate to bother anyone; and I do wish my mail every day."

"In Portland the postoffice is open for mail delivery till eight o'clock," said another, "and through the holiday season nine o'clock is the hour. I believe the working man should be shown some consideration—and I'm ready to register a kick on this six o'clock closing. In any event, seven o'clock is early enough to close and the folks in the office will soon find it out to."

A call upon Mrs. Clark, who is postmaster in Saint Johns, presented another side to the matter. When told of the kicks regarding the office closing at six o'clock each night Mrs. Clark said:

"This office does not close at six—but is open till six-fifteen—and workmen employed as far up the river as the veneer factory come here when they quit work at six and get their mail. We are trying to give the people what they wish. However, if the closing hour should be placed at nine o'clock there would still be some patrons who would delay their call beyond that hour."

"Again, the greater portion of patrons of this office have children who call here as frequently as four or five times a day—and when this office is closed at night very little mail remains in it. There are some who live several miles away who come for their mail only once a week."

"Some time since it was desired that the office remain open for a time each Sunday. Why this I cannot tell, because no mail is received after one-thirty Saturday afternoon or sent out after five o'clock the same day until Monday morning. But the office is open each Sunday from ten to eleven—although on some days there are not a half dozen who step inside the doors. But I try to please the patrons of the office."

"If it can be shown that patrons cannot get their mail after they quit work within the fifteen minutes the office is held open I am sure arrangements can be made to hold open a bit longer; but, as I say, there are some who would put off calling for mail even if the office was held open till nine o'clock. I have to open at seven in the morning to accommodate the early mail—and it seems as if fifteen minutes over eleven hours should form a day's work for anyone."

THE REVIEW will gladly print any brief communications pertinent to this topic. The articles must be signed.

Hurt His Hand.

Don, only son of Mrs. Nora McCann, badly injured his hand last Friday while at his work in the Doenbecher furniture factory on the east side at Portland. He was at work at the sanding wheel when the wood he was handling broke and his hand went on the wheel. All the flesh was torn from the inside of his right hand and in some spots the bone was shattered.

Mrs. McCann was at once called to the factory and brought the boy home. He is getting along now very nicely if no complications set in—although it may be necessary to graft skin from his arm upon the bare spots.

Peterson and Thompson voted aye. Motion was lost.

It was voted that in order to legalize all ordinances the same should be published for one time in THE REVIEW.

A petition was read praying that the pile of old telephone poles at corner of Bradford and Pittsburg streets be removed. As they have been an unsightly object for three years the council ordered the removal.

Mr. Maher, who recently lost an arm in a sawmill, asked permission to erect and conduct a small booth on the street at some convenient point. This will be allowed—permission first to be obtained of adjoining property owners, and the location not to interfere with business.

The resignation of City Attorney Greene was not accepted and he must continue to hold his position. Adjourned.

NEED MORE CARS.

Congested Condition of Traffic Demands Better Service.

There is a crying need for a ten-minute through service on the Portland Suburban every morning and evening. That is plain to anyone whose business forces him to make the trip to Portland between six and eight in the morning and between five and seven at night. At these hours the cars are terribly over-burdened; not only are the aisles crammed but the platform and the steps as well.

Some of the cars of late have held as high as 147 people, and heaven knows how such a number can be jammed into and upon one car meant for a half hundred. Monday night there were 103 on one car—and it was over-stuffed; yet each person had to wait twenty minutes for another car. If the schedule could be so arranged as to have a ten-minute service for four hours a day patrons would be much better served.

It is true it would cost the company a bit more and returns would be no greater; yet the time is rapidly coming when such a service will be installed because of the increase of traffic. The road might as well commence now to cater to the needs of the public. Let a stranger come to Saint Johns with a view of making his home here and working elsewhere and if he should happen to board one of these crowded coaches he'd hike back to the woods with his desires to locate crushed out of him.

During the evening hours in Portland out-bound passengers walk down Third to meet the in-bound car and then board it; thus, by the time the car reaches Yamhill it is loaded to the gunwales and those who have patiently waited for twenty minutes may either stand for the trip or stand for the next car.

Efforts should be made to point out to the management the over-worked service during certain hours. Surely the steady growth of Saint Johns deserves a more frequent service!

Quick Changes.

Colorado has three governors in the space of 24 hours—and Saint Johns has three chiefs of police within a week. Last week C. R. Organ resigned the office and Edward Bloomgren was appointed as his successor, but didn't care enough about it to furnish bonds and qualify. So he quit it. Then Merritt Hanks was given the position. And so we change.

Realty Transfer.

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Had Narrow Escape.

J. D. Hardy has now pretty well recovered from an injury received last week at the Douglass mills—although he is yet rather sore. Mr. Hardy was working around the big saw when his foot slipped and his leg was caught in the carriage. As luck would have it Matt Gardner, who was controlling the carriage, saw the mishap and threw the ponderous thing out of gear—else Mr. Hardy would have lost his leg. As it was he was badly squeezed and skinned—and only by an effort could he manage to get about.

When Both Are Willing.

The Loveland (Colorado) Register, after describing a taffy pull that occurred in that town recently, draws the following conclusion:
Reduced to a diagram the joys of a taffy pull are thus expressed, the dotted lines representing a string of taffy from lip to lip:
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