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HOLD BUSY MEET.

Hold An Adjourned Meeting Friday Evening And Get Busy At The Finish.

The adjourned meeting of the city council held Friday evening was called to order by Mayor King, with every member of the council present. Owing to the illness of the recorder his place was supplied by W. L. Thorndyke. Minutes of several meetings were read and approved.

Bills from Potter & Gould for sundries, \$10.88; J. T. King for work on voting booths, \$6.35; Charles Bredeson, Willis Moxon and W. L. Thorndyke for viewing and appraising Gresham and Chicago streets, \$4 each; \$3 for dog tax tags; \$5 for killing and burying a horse, and \$1 for meat for a deserving woman, were allowed and warrants ordered drawn for the same on the general fund.

Improvements on John street were declared completed by city engineer, who reported the same as "seemingly well done." The matter was referred to the street committee for investigation.

Engineer's plans, specifications and estimates for the improvement of Hayes street from Burlington street to Maples (formerly Catlin) street were referred back for a closer estimate in some particulars.

The occupation tax ordinance, which had a stormy passage several months ago was brought up. It was decided that it should be gotten into shape so that the new council could get busy when they went into office, and, upon motion of Councilman Leggett, seconded by Councilman Lindquist, the ordinance was ordered read the second time by title. That was done, and the matter was fixed so that the new council will merely have to pass on the final passage of the revenue ordinance.

The body then adjourned to meet for the last time on the evening of Monday, April 9, for its final dissolution.

New Oil Tank

Work is progressing rapidly upon the fuel oil tank being erected by the O. R. & N. Company on the waterfront at the south end of what was once the Roberts tract. This tank will be of 55,000 barrel capacity—and is being erected to supply the railroad locomotives with fuel. It is the design of the O. R. & N. company to change over all its engines to oil-burners. The location of this tank will make considerable business in this vicinity—as there is no doubt that the company will put in other plants of a different nature which will require many men to handle.

National Educational Association.

The National Educational Association will hold its annual convention in San Francisco from July 7 to 14 of this year. The people of San Francisco and, in fact, the people of the whole Pacific coast are preparing a welcome and reception to the teachers the equal of which has never been given to any organization.

Any data or information in any way relating to the meeting can be obtained by addressing the California Committee, N. E. A. No. 25, New Montgomery street, San Francisco, California, or J. H. Ackerman, Salem, Oregon.

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ever to encompass this body. But see what has been done! Old debts have been settled, a new site bought for a city hall, a large amount of street work put under way, quite a bit of it finished, large amounts of legislation put on the record books of the city; in fact, there has been a great improvement in all ways and lines about the city. There are a few legacies of the old council will hand down to the new—among them being the occupation tax ordinance, the plumbing ordinance, a telephone franchise, and some unsettled street work. I trust the new council will have pleasant sailing during its term.

Attorney Greene then swore in the newly elected members of the council, the mayor, treasurer and recorder—and a moment later the old council declared that they were merely common citizens—with the exception of W. H. King. Adios!

IT IS ALL OVER.

Old Council Says "Adios" And Leaves The Council Chamber To Its Successors.

The closing meeting of the city council for the fiscal year was held on Monday evening, when Mayor King called the body together. All members of the council except Councilman Leggett were present.

The matter of Monteith street was brought up. It has been the desire of the property-owners in that vicinity to have the matter of improvement pushed as rapidly as possible—but J. H. Black had stated that the engineer's estimates were too low on the sidewalk portion of the improvement and he figured that time could be saved by changing the estimates before going farther. The matter was laid over for the new council to handle.

A communication from Engineer Goodrich withdrawing his acceptance of John street was read and accepted.

A corrected estimate for the improvement of Hayes street was received from the city engineer. Councilman Brice said there had been some suggestion that the depth of cut at the north end of the street was too deep; he had not been able to find out about the matter definitely; he would suggest, however, that it be laid over for the new council. This was done.

W. W. Goodrich was allowed the sum of ten dollars for work done on the Richmond street dock.

Bill of ninety cents for documents filed was allowed O. E. Learned.

City recorder was authorized to advertise for bids for the improvement of Ivanhoe and Leavitt streets.

An objection was raised to the proposed extension of Richmond street through the Caples tract—under the plea that the proposed route would work much loss to the owner, Mrs. Nancy Caples. The matter was passed to next meeting.

There was some discussion over the bill of THE REVIEW—or, as Councilman Shields termed it, "The little jerk-water rag."

The bill seemed a large one because it had been carried for a full year, yet most of the sums due were from the various street funds. Councilman Shields' comments on the bill were so extremely polite and maintained with so great a degree of good humor that he made a decided hit with the thinking portion of the audience. Mr. Shields is not like many officials; he is always so fair and so open in all his actions—and seems to never venture a dispute with anyone—that he has gained the nom de plume of "Honest John, The Saints' Pride." The bill was approved by the finance committee, and laid over to the next meeting.

A warrant was ordered drawn by the recorder in favor of M. L. Holbrook for the sum of \$157.50—as payment on the site of the city hall.

The question of salary for the past fiscal year was brought up and discussed. It was finally decided that each councilman should be allowed the sum of \$37.50 for his services the past year. It was also decided that those who had been paid a larger sum should return the excess sum.

There seeming to be no more business for the body Mayor King called for remarks from anyone. He said that he hardly thought there was anything he could say that would aid the old council or assist the new. He called upon City Attorney Greene for a few remarks.

Mr. Greene made a brief resume of the business of the past year, and showed what the council had accomplished—handicapped as it had been. "The city is about three years old," said he, "yet the real commencement was one year ago tonight—when the now outgoing board was the incoming. You must bear in mind that the past year has been one of rapid growth—and that there have been a great many demands made upon the city officials. They went into office burdened with debt, with no money in the treasury, and no promise of any for a year.

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