

Council Proceedings

All members were present at the regular meeting of the city council Tuesday evening, with Mayor Couch presiding as usual.

Knowles & Kanouse asked for extension of 60 days' time on the improvement of South Gresham street, claiming inclement weather precluded earlier completion of their contract. As the consent of the bondsmen was lacking, the petition was referred back to the contractors to supply the deficiency.

A communication from the ladies' auxiliary of the Commercial club asked that the rubbish lying on Crawford street near the city dock be removed, and further dumping of debris thereon be strictly prohibited. The dads were much pleased to see the ladies take an interest in civic improvement, and the matter was referred to the buildings and grounds committee to have the suggestions of the ladies carried out.

The committee on the Sweet Pea fete of the Commercial club requested the use of the city dock for holding the celebration in July, and also that the same be properly wired for the occasion. Alderman Hill promptly moved that the request be granted, which carried unanimously. Matter was referred to the buildings and grounds committee to look after the wiring.

S. C. Cook asked that a corner stone or monument removed at the corner of Charleston and Fessenden streets during improvement be perpetuated. On motion of Alderman Horsman this was ordered done.

A committee from the commercial club asked that the ordinance relative to buildings in the fire limits be enforced, and a petition from a number of citizens made the same plea. Alderman Perrine stated that this council had been placed in a rather difficult position; that the ordinance had been disregarded several times by previous councils, and with this precedence established it made it hard to turn other citizens down. However, since the citizens objected, he favored either living up to the ordinance or repealing it, finally making a motion to repeal the ordinance, which none would second. Mayor Couch said there were several ways of looking at the matter; that property owners in the fire district were paying heavy taxes from which no income could be derived, that enough rent could not be secured to justify

brick structures at this time; that the iron buildings objected to were practically fire-proof and could be readily removed in case of the ground being desired for more substantial structures. Since an expression from the people had been secured, however, he stated that he would not favor granting another permit that would conflict with the fire ordinance. Therefore, unless the ordinance be repealed or amended, of which there is no likelihood at this time, the iron building being constructed by J. F. Hendricks on South Jersey, and for which he had already received permission from the fire board, will be the last of this nature to be erected in the fire district.

On motion of Mr. Horsman, the action of the council last week in directing the building and grounds committee to move the sprinkler and road roller barn from the Loy property at the city hall to the corner of Jersey and Richmond was rescinded, Mr. Loy having agreed to allow the rent of ground to remain as heretofore, \$2 per month.

A proposition from Mrs. Caples relative to a city park was received. She agrees to sell the land lying between Dawson and Willis boulevard for park and play ground purposes for \$12,000. In the event of the city acquiring this property, Mrs. Caples further agrees to dedicate to the city a strip of land fifteen feet wide for street purposes, lying between the French block on Dawson and Buchanan street, also to sign a petition for the hard surfacing of Dawson street. As there was some question as to just how much land in the tract she desired to sell for park purposes contained, the engineer was directed to figure out the same, and it was decided to take the matter up at an adjourned meeting held Thursday evening. In order that the park question may be placed on the ballot at the April election, action must be taken this week.

Resolution to improve Gilbert and Myers streets with cement walks and grade were adopted on motion of Alderman Hill and Horsman, respectively.

An ordinance authorizing the recorder to sell \$22,500 worth of improvement bonds was passed on motion of Alderman Muck; all yes.

An ordinance authorizing the city election Monday, April 1st, and appointing election boards therefor, was passed on motion of Mr. Hill; all yes.

Adjournment took place until Thursday evening.

At an adjourned meeting of the city council last night an ordinance providing for holding a special election for the purpose of incurring bonded indebtedness to secure a public park was passed. This, however, was conditioned upon Mrs. Caples, who owns the grounds in question, giving a written agreement that she will deed any and all of her property to the city now obstructing the proposed opening and improvement of Dawson street, and that she will agree to stand her share of the expense of hard surfacing said street. A resolution to this effect was adopted unanimously. It was decided to pay the attorney fees incurred by former Mayor Hendricks during the Hindu imbroglio, amounting to \$300. Aldermen Bredeson, Hill and Horsman voted "no" on the proposition, while Aldermen Valentine, Davis, Muck and Perrine voted "yes." We understand the Hindu cases have been dismissed, finally.

Methodist Church Notes

Rev. Patton has given a large part of the past two weeks with the Willamette endowment committees in the city of Portland. The prospects of raising the \$500,000 endowment are very encouraging.

Rev. J. W. McDougall preached last Sunday morning from the words of Jesus to Peter: "Simon, Son of John, lovest thou me?" The speaker showed how that Jesus ever placed love as the vitalizing influence in men's lives. There were many things in this disciple's life that the Savior might have inquired about, but he saw fit to ask especially concerning his love. If Jesus held the uppermost place in Peter's love, his ambition and faculties would ever incline to the life into which Jesus had called him. Thus Peter would have those whom Jesus loved, and as love ever has a tendency to be reciprocated, Peter's life would inevitably further the influence of the cross in the world.

Theme for Sunday, March 10, a. m.: "Steadfastness." Evening: "The Sure Test." All are invited. Corner Hayes and Leavitt.

Congregational—Corner of Richmond and Ivanhoe streets. Bible school at 10 a. m., preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Reception of new members at morning service. Public invited.—G. W. Nelson, pastor.