

OREGON CITY COURIER

25th YEAR.

OREGON CITY, OREGON. FRIDAY, JUNE 21 1907

No 6

NEW TEACHERS ARE SELECTED

Prof. W. C. McKee Will Be City Superintendent.

SALARIES ARE RAISED

Position of Principal at Barclay Building Combined With the Office of Superintendent.

Prof. W. C. McKee was Monday re-elected superintendent of the Oregon City schools, and will also assume the principalship of the Barclay building, at a salary of \$100 per year. Mrs. Viola M. Godfrey, who was principal of the Barclay building last year, was elected principal of the Eastham building at a salary of \$75 per month, to succeed Mrs. Emille C. Shaw, who will be principal of the Milwaukee schools next year. The only vacancy not filled in the corps of teachers is for a position as assistant in the Barclay High school, and the salary for this position will be \$60 per month. Grade teachers were elected at the following salaries: Ida Mae Smith, \$50; Irene Carter, \$52.50; Frances Myers, \$57.50; Pearl G. Cartledge, \$50; Harriet Cochran, \$52.50; Margaret Williams, \$57.50; Laura Pope, \$50; Elen Brobst, \$50; Bess Kelly, \$47.50; Emily O'Malley, \$47.50; Gustena Randall, \$47.50; Edith Karr, \$47.50; Mand A. Rutherford, \$47.50.

The board of directors of the city school has abolished the office of principal of the Barclay building, because of the friction that has resulted from the conditions existing there. The office of the city superintendent of the schools is in this building, and the conflict of authority between the principal of the school and the city superintendent cannot well be avoided, no matter who fills the respective offices, as the conditions are to blame for the minor troubles that have ensued. The city superintendent will hereafter be principal of the Barclay building and an additional high school teacher will be employed to instruct the ninth grade.

Prof. Walton C. McKee, who was Monday night re-elected superintendent of the Oregon City schools, and who the following night was elected principal of the Davis school in Portland, will remain here next year, and has no intention of resigning the superintendency of the city school to assume the principalship of a four-room building the metropolis, even though the salary is larger than he is paid here.

Miss Addie E. Clark, for two years city superintendent in this city, and prior to that time principal of the

HIGH SCHOOL KNOCKED OUT

Oregon City and Vicinity Will Not Unite.

FOUR DISTRICTS OPPOSE

Project For Higher Education Overwhelmingly Defeated and Is Settled For One Year.

The project for the establishment of a union high school to be located in this city by combining the districts of Oregon City, West Oregon City, Willamette, Canemah, Parkplace and Mount Pleasant, was overwhelmingly defeated Monday, only two districts out of the six going on record as favoring the movement. The vote in the several districts follows: Canemah, for, 9; against, 0; Willamette, for, 13; against, 19; Mount Pleasant, for, 1; against, 5; Oregon City, for, 39; against, 9; Parkplace, for, 5;

MAYOR WOULD PROTECT LIFE

Urges Council To Place Gates At Crossings.

TWO DANGEROUS PLACES

Southern Pacific Crosses Tenth and Moss Streets Where There Is Much Travel.

Mayor E. G. Caulfield has urged the city to take steps to establish gates at the crossings of the Southern Pacific Company at Tenth and Moss streets in order to prevent a repetition of accidents that have occurred there, and the mayor and Councilmen Andress, Knapp and Logus were appointed a committee to draft an ordinance in conformity with the Mayor's message, which follows:

"I desire to call your honorable body's attention, at this time, to a matter of great importance to the welfare of the city. I refer to the grade crossing over the Southern Pacific Company's track, at the foot of what is commonly known as Singer Hill, on Tenth street. The element of danger at this point to the traveling public has long been recognized by everyone who is at all familiar with the situation. The railroad company has also had its attention drawn to the situation a number of times by suits for damages and claims settled on account of accidents at this crossing. The crossing at Moss street is as dangerous as the other, but on account of there being less travel at that point, the risk to life is not quite so great. The Southern Pacific Company has been making an effort, in good faith I am sure, to remedy the situation by building an overhead crossing for teams on Singer Hill road. To carry out their present plans it is necessary to secure some private property in the block between Ninth and Tenth streets. Up to this time the railroad company has been unable to agree on satisfactory terms with some of the property owners. While I am sure that the company is sincere in its efforts in this direction, it is a well known fact that large corporations move very slowly in such matters and at the best it may be a long time before their plans will be carried out. In the meantime the menace to life and the business interests of the town is growing greater every day. Where a few years ago only a small number of trains passed through our city daily, now it is almost a continuous procession all day and night. The growth of the country and town has also increased the team travel greatly. The time has arrived, in fact is overdue, when the city should take the necessary measures to protect the lives of those whose business makes it necessary to cross the railroad at the points referred to.

The usual methods employed to make safe such crossings is to compel the railroad company to place gates on the same and maintain an operative to care for them. I am informed that there is no question of the city's right and power to enforce such a measure. Such gates are now maintained on some of the main streets in East Portland, where they cross the Southern Pacific track, and are common throughout the East. I would recommend at this time that the council take immediate action to have a proper ordinance prepared and introduced at an early date, as possible to bring about the establishment of the safeguard referred to on both Tenth and Moss streets. We cannot afford to delay the matter longer and take chances of having a repetition of the shocking accidents that have already happened on the crossings referred to."

The petition of the saloonkeepers to have the closing ordinance amended was denied and the ordinance passed. It became effective immediately and compels the saloons to close between midnight and 5 a. m. The saloon men wanted to remain open until 1 a. m., and three councilmen favored the granting of their request, but five more were opposed. The ordinance increasing the retail liquor license from \$400 to \$500 per annum was passed last night and becomes operative October 1.

Harry Jones was the only bidder

REPORT OF OFFICERS.

Public Takes Little Interest In Cause of Education.

Receipts.

From District Tax.....	\$3337.76
County School Fund.....	6285.00
State School Fund.....	2119.90
Tuition.....	390.50
Loans.....	7451.00
Other sources.....	3.50
Cash on hand at beginning of year.....	.02
Total receipts.....	\$19587.58

There was a slim attendance Monday night at the annual meeting of the taxpayers of the Oregon City school district, that was held in the county courtroom. The reports of the board of directors and the financial statement of the district clerk were presented and approved. The district's affairs have been carefully managed and it was this general belief that was the cause of the light attendance as it usually takes a fight over some local matter to bring the crowd to a school meeting. The financial statement follows:

FIREWORKS IN DAYTIME

Interesting and Novel Feature of Big Celebration

THREE BANDS ENGAGED

Goddess of Liberty Contest Causes Excitement and Miss Catherine Mathies Leads.

Daylight fireworks will be a novel feature of the Fourth of July celebration, and Lewellyn Adams, chairman of the special attractions committee, has just closed a contract for the purchase of nearly \$100 worth of these amusing shells, which are fired in broad daylight. There will be at least 36 of them, and they are fired in the same manner as skyrockets, ascending to a great height, and then bursting and from the shell there drops animals, birds and other objects made from paper that unfold and descend to earth where they are chased by eager youngsters and furnish no end of fun. The daylight fireworks were seen for the first time in this vicinity at the Lewis and Clark exposition, and will be shown at the Oregon City celebration in addition to the evening illumination, which will be displayed at the brink of Willamette Falls from a barge.

Interest in the contest for the election of Goddess of Liberty has not yet reached a fever heat, but the game is young. More than 500 votes have already been cast, however. Miss Catherine Mathies had a slight lead at the last count, but was closely followed by Miss Gussie Humphrey and Miss Beryl Long.

Music will be made a great feature on the Fourth of July and the Oswego Band, the Oregon City Band and the Molalla Band have been engaged. There will not be a lack of sweet strains of music on the natal day, as the contracts will provide for many tunes at short intervals.

The vote was counted Saturday night in the Goddess of Liberty contest with the following result:

Miss Catherine Mathies.....	226
Miss Beryl Long.....	197
Miss Gussie Humphrey.....	165

REV. LINDEN COMING SUNDAY.

New Pastor of Baptist Church Will Occupy His Pulpit.

Rev. John M. Linden, the new pastor of the First Baptist Church, left Chicago last Monday via the Canadian Pacific Railway for Oregon City, and will probably arrive in time to occupy the pulpit next Sunday. Mr. Linden was chosen to succeed Rev. Henry B. Robins, who went to California last month to take up theological work.

The new pastor was born in Chicago, October 6, 1870, and is therefore 37 years of age. He was employed for 12 years before entering the ministry in the retail dry goods department of Marshall Field & Co., and is a graduate of Wayland Academy, Beaver Dam, Wis.; Brown University, Providence, R. I., with the degree of A. B.; University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill., Divinity Department with degree of B. D.

During Mr. Linden's Divinity course at Chicago University, he was pastor of the First Baptist Church of Michigan City, Indiana, and after graduation took charge of work in Chicago, organizing the Washington Park Baptist Church, where he has been preaching for the last five and one-half years. Mr. Linden is now in the prime for the best work of his life. He is a forceful and eloquent speaker and a man of strong character.

MAYOR'S TERM TOO SHORT.

Charter Commission Proposes to Increase Tenure of Office.

Increasing the Term of Office

Increasing the term of office of the mayor of Oregon City from one to two, or even three or four years, was urged Tuesday night at the first meeting of the charter commission that was held in the council chamber. There were 12 men present and as 13 are necessary for a quorum no actual business was done but the members of the commission discussed many matters of interest to the city and the meeting was very interesting. Councilmen are elected for three years, but the mayor is out off with one, and hardly has time to carry out a policy. In fact, he can merely proceed with the work of his predecessor, so short is his term, and has nothing to do with the levy of tax that is made just before his term commences.

Another matter that was discussed at length was the advisability of the appointment of a competent man to carry on the work of the city on its streets and other projects. It is believed that these matters are in too many hands at the present time and that the best service cannot be obtained, and a majority of the members of the commission favor the em-

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W. C. MCKEE
City Superintendent



GEO. A. HARDING
Re-elected Director



MRS. VIOLA M. GODFREY
Principal Eastham Building

against, 82; West Oregon City, for, 10; against, 12. Under the provisions of the new union high school law, the defeat of the proposition in any one district carries with it the loss of the whole movement as the remaining districts, even if in favor, cannot proceed to organize the union

Disbursements.

Teachers' salaries.....	\$8013.25
Clerk's salary.....	126.00
Janitors' salary.....	720.00
School supplies.....	304.45
Repairs.....	602.81
Printing and advertising.....	76.65
Fuel and water rent.....	441.75
Sewer assessment.....	13.12
Interest on bonds.....	650.00
Interest on floating debt.....	135.06
Loans.....	6531.00
School election.....	6.00
Miscellaneous.....	190.01
New Furnaces in Barclay building.....	1797.25
Total disbursements.....	\$19587.58
Cash on hand.....	.33

Liabilities.

5 per cent bonds due Dec. 1, 1916.....	\$6000.00
5 per cent bonds due 1913.....	6000.00
Notes due Bank of Oregon City.....	1221.00
Total liabilities.....	\$13221.00

Following is the report of the Board of Directors:

At a cost of \$1797.25 we have placed in the Barclay building a new heating system, coupled with a fan ventilating arrangement that has been very satisfactory and has resulted in a saving of fuel to the extent that it will be necessary to purchase only 100 cords of wood, this year, as against 125 cords last year. The heating apparatus in the Eastham building is in a bad condition and should be replaced during the coming school year.

Repairs were made to the Barclay building last fall, the front stairway being renewed and a rear stairway from the building easier in case of fire.

The interest on the \$6000 issue of 5 per cent bonds, due December 1, 1916, was reduced from 6 to 5 per cent and the bonds were transferred from Kountze Bros., of New York to the Bank of Oregon City. This action will effect a saving of \$60 per year, and in the ten years that will elapse before the bonds mature \$600.

The directors have purchased, at a cost of about \$70, some filing cabinets for the records of the district, as this was greatly needed, there having been no files in which the permanent records of the district might be kept.

At the first of the calendar year the special tax was increased from 2 mills to 2½ mills, and has given the district a revenue of \$3237.76, against \$2556.65 last year. A general increase was made last fall in the salaries of the teachers, and during the fiscal year just ended there has been spent for the salaries of teachers \$8013.25, against \$7116.00 last year.

The indebtedness of the district has been slightly reduced, notwithstanding the extensive improvements that have been made, and is now \$13,221, including \$12,000 outstanding bonds. The floating indebtedness is \$121, against \$1501, last year.

The increase in our school population is 24, being 1271, against 1247 last year.

The Barclay building is in need of repainting during the coming summer and it is probable that this will be done.

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employment of an engineer who will be paid a salary commensurate with the importance of the work, even if it necessary to go out of the city to find such a man. He would be given charge of the street improvement work, the purchasing of supplies, and would be held responsible for the success of the operations of the city along his particular line. The commission adjourned to meet Thursday evening, June 27.

Subscription to Funds.

Subscriptions paid in to the treasurer of the Fourth of July celebration since last report:

As previously reported.....	\$529.50
C. G. Miller.....	5.00
L. L. Phillips.....	2.50
Dr. L. A. Morris.....	5.00
A. H. Miley.....	2.50
Price Bros.....	10.00
R. Adams.....	10.00
R. B. Beatie.....	5.00
Gambrinus Brewing Co.....	15.00
Total.....	\$584.50

Subscribers to the Fourth of July celebration are urged to pay in to the treasurer the sum subscribed opposite their several names, as it will be necessary to have the money in hand before the extensive plans of the committee can be carried out conveniently.

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