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WORSWICK WINS ON MAIN STREET

COUNCIL REVERSES SELF FOR THIRD TIME IN REGARD TO PAVING ACTION

MAYOR KEEPS ELECTION VOW

Drastic Anti-Booze Ordinance Introduced Amid Laughter and Joking Remarks.—Hose Ordered

Oregon City's council got down to business Wednesday evening and had a session that was in the main devoted of fireworks, and which characterized by a reversal of its stand of last week on the Main street paving question. The matter of the improvement of the county seat's chief business thoroughfare was brought before the city fathers again when a petition representing approximately two-thirds of Main street property holders was presented, endorsing the recommendation of Worswick paving, and asking the council to adopt this form of surfacing. With the exception of V. Harris, Mr. Kelly and the trustees of the Methodist church, the petition contained the names of practically all interested outside of the original committee of eleven who had first recommended Worswick paving.

Councilman Hackett said Andrews rose simultaneously to move the adoption of the petition. Mayor Jones recognized Mr. Hackett as the author of the motion. In making the motion Councilman Hackett said that as a majority of the property owners seemed to want Worswick paving he was willing to let them have their way. Mr. Andrews felt the same way about it.

"However," said Mr. Hackett, "I think this whole thing is a shady proposition. The city asked for tentative bids on this Main street job, and we appointed a special committee to look into the matter. The special committee recommended bitulithic paving, and a minority report favored El Oso. Then this Worswick concern slipped in here and put in a verbal offer, and though they have put out nothing, they appear to have won out. It looks to me as if there was something crooked in the deal, but if the property owners want it and are willing to take the responsibility, I wash my hands of it."

Councilman Cox thought that if the council was going to accede to the request of the property owners it ought to throw out everything so far done and start all over again by asking for bids. "After the council really passed on the bids submitted, and took the certified checks of the bidders," he said, "the other concern comes sneaking in. The Worswick people were in Portland when bids were asked, and could have come in with the others, but they didn't make a move until they saw that a competitor was likely to get the business."

Councilman Metzner said that as long as the property owners had shown what they wanted he was willing to change his stand. When the matter of adopting the petition was put to a vote, Councilman Cox was the sole member of the council present who cast a negative vote.

The city engineer was then ordered to prepare plans and specifications for improving the street with Worswick paving, and City Attorney Schuebel was instructed to draw up a resolution for the Worswick material, the same to be presented at a special meeting next week. Again Councilman Cox cast the only negative vote.

When the matter of purchasing fire hose came up, Councilman Long submitted the same report as was turned in by the fire committee last week favoring the purchase of A. G. Long & Company's wax and gum treated hose at \$1 a foot. Mr. Tompkinson moved that the report be accepted. Councilman Andrews thought the city might better buy cheaper hose and experiment with it. Councilman Metzner thought the city would be foolish to "throw away \$500 in an experiment." Councilman Hackett thought "anything cheap is a poor investment." After considerable discussion the committee report prevailed, and City Attorney Schuebel was ordered to draw an ordinance appropriating \$500 for the purchase of the specified hose, and carrying \$400 incidental expense for the construction of a hose tower. Fire Chief Frost expressed the opinion that the hose tower could be fitted up for \$100.

At Councilman Hackett's suggestion the fire and water committee was instructed to make such repairs to the Greenpoint fire house as might be necessary, the building being reported as settling. At the request of Councilman Cox the same committee was also empowered to move the hose house at Twelfth and Taylor streets so that it would be entirely on city property.

Ordinances declaring the assessment for High street at \$30,909.82; Madison street, \$3,529.54 and Third street, \$1,498.07 were passed through

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NOBLE TRIUMPHS OVER LAW AGAIN

CITY ENGINEER INVENTS BLOCK THAT DISREGARDS ACTUAL POINT OF LOCATION

PORTABLE CEMETERY EQUALLED

Tangle Develops Over Vacation of Alley in Block 151 as Ordered By Ordinance No. 671

Last week the Courier felicitated City Engineer Charles S. Noble, of the county seat, upon his perfection of a portable graveyard. In council meeting last week Mr. Noble endeavored to alibi himself, and passed the buck to County Recorder Dedman. Mr. Dedman denies all responsibility in the matter, and says he has no desire to share with Mr. Noble the glory of having invented the movable cemetery. In another column will be found more of this Dedman-Noble controversy. These few remarks are intended to shed light upon another achievement of the major's.

Major Noble, it appears, has not only invented the portable graveyard, but he has also perfected an interchangeable city block, that can be lifted up and put down anywhere. For instance, with a mere stroke of two of the pen Major Noble can turn block 151 of Oregon City into block 115, or vice versa, even though these two tracts of land are some considerable distance apart.

In fact, the two blocks that Major Noble plays with as a prestigator plays with billiard balls are six blocks apart. But a little thing like that is nothing to the man who can make one graveyard work where none was before. Block 151 is bounded by Jackson, Fourteenth, J. Q. Adams and Thirteenth streets; block 115 is bounded by Madison, Tenth, Jefferson and Eleventh streets; but as far as City Engineer Noble is concerned either one will do for the other.

People who doubt this are invited to visit the office of the county recorder and investigate the plats filed for various purposes during the years 1913 and 1914. Careful search will reveal a plat dealing with the vacation of part of the alley in lot 151. At least such is the manner in which the plat is listed, and the plat also bears a reprint of Ordinance 671, which cut the alley in block 151 down from 20 feet to ten feet in width, adding eight feet to the abutting lots on either side.

However, on this same plat is a nice little map, drawn by City Engineer S. Noble, and labeled in bold figures block "115." The plat is purported to have been approved by Mayor Linn E. Jones on December 10, 1913, and it is further proof of Mr. Noble's skill in juggling tracts of land—he they cemeteries or mere city blocks.

The plat as filed, and as paid for by Oregon City taxpayers, is of doubtful value. The wording on the plat is perfectly nice and correct, and refers to block 151. The sketch of the block is also said to be correct, as far as the boundary streets are concerned. But the fact that this block is numbered "115" is held by many attorneys to invalidate the entire plat, and to make it just as useless as the \$54.76 plat of the famous portable cemetery. The small sketch on the plat is presumed to be a part of the official map of Oregon City, say attorneys; and if the block referred to is numbered "115" on the official map (as the Noble plat would make it appear) then it has no business on a sheet of paper that carries on ordinance dealing with block 151. In other words, technically the "description" of the property is just as wrong as was the highly imaginary description of the location of the Noble portable cemetery.

Indications are that the magic of Major Noble will prove expensive for Oregon City. It is said that should any property owner desire to contest the legality of the "block 151-115" plat, considerable expense would be necessitated to settle this tangle. In regard to the cemetery plat, which has already cost the city \$54.76 in filing fees, another \$54.76 will have to be paid for a filing fee of a correct plat. This will make a mere trifle of \$164.28 to get the cemetery straightened out—to say nothing of the original \$205 paid for the pretty plans and curves road as drawn by "Architect" Weed.

ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANNED

Barlow Rancher Scheming to Put in Small Power Plant and Sell Juice
E. P. Preble, owner of a large ranch between Barlow and Aurora, this week completed plans for the installation on his property of a small electric light and power plant, to be operated partly by water power and partly by a gasoline engine. A stream with considerable current runs through Mr. Preble's property, and during high water he intends to utilize this to run his generators;

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HUNDREDS SEEK ROYAL SALMON IN FOAM-FLECKED WILLAMETTE



FALLS OF THE WILLAMETTE, THE FISHERMAN'S PARADISE

All this week Oregon City has been the mecca for fishermen from all parts of Oregon and Washington and even from further points. The lure of the royal salmon has drawn hundreds of visitors to the city, and rivermen who have boats to rent reaped a golden harvest from sportsmen and sports-women who have desired to try their luck on the mile or so of river between the falls and the mouth of the Clackamas. The salmon season has been at its height, and many a lucky angler has been repaid for his hours of toil in the broiling sun by going home in the evening with from 35 to 42 pounds of the finest fish in the world in his possession.

Printed estimates of the number of boats containing anglers that were on the river last Sunday vary from 400 to 1200. The latter estimate was made by the Oregonian, with the aid of its imaginative correspondent from Oregon City. With all due respect to the estimates made, truth compels the Courier to say that there probably were not more than 250 boats out on Sunday between the falls and the

rapids, but these 250 were busy most of the day. Many splendid fish were caught, both local and visiting anglers sharing in the luck. Not only were there several hundred people on the river seeking to tempt the salmon from the swiftly running waters, but as many more people lined the banks on both sides of the stream, or leaned upon the railing of the suspension bridge watching the anglers. In fact at times Sunday afternoon the crowd on the bridge became so large that police cautioned the spectators to move on, fearing that the dead weight would prove too great a strain upon the cables that support the structure.

The best vantage point from which the sportsmen could be seen was the pile of rocks west of the Hawley mills. Showing a commendable public spirit, the Hawley Mill company permitted the crowds of visitors to

pass at will across their property, and owing to this courtesy many hundreds of people were enabled to not only get a close view of the fishermen, but got intimately acquainted with the falls as well. By careful climbing it was possible to get within 20 feet or so of the main cataracts, and scores of people spent the day watching the leaping water tumble and crash over the high rock ledges in masses of billowy spray. Many amateur photographers were on hand, and pictures of the falls at their finest were taken.

Among those who captured salmon during Sunday were the following: B. J. Berghoff, who landed a 42-pounder, and who will be given a gold trophy by the Salmon club; P. T. Munson, who got a 33-pounder; Dr. Earl McFarland, R. A. Davis, R. E. Hayward, L. G. Hollister, J. D. Strong, Cal Henderson, Ed Gilbert, Miss Marie Young, H. H. Hunter, S. F. McAllister, James Gorham, Peter F. Grayson, E. E. Beeson and many others.

Throughout the week fishing continued good.

TWO CHECKS HIDDEN FOR COURIER READERS TO FIND THIS WEEK

Nobody found the hidden check. Read the advertisement last week. This week a second check has been placed among our advertisements and the person who finds it will also receive last week's check. This means that a double reward will be paid this week to the Courier reader who solves the mystery of the hidden check. Read the advertisement on the special page over carefully, and from the extra letters you will be able to spell out a clue that will show you where these two checks are waiting to be claimed.

ROAD MAY EXTEND

Willamette Valley Southern Eventually to Reach Salem, Says Dimick
Judge Grant B. Dimick, president of the Willamette Valley Southern, has outlined plans of the company for an extension of the line from Mt. Angel to the state capital. Efforts to secure a right-of-way for the extension will be commenced this summer, it is said, though there is little likelihood of much work being done on the proposed lengthening of the road until next year. The company has a considerable block of unissued bonds on hand, and can easily finance the extension. It is believed that the road will be on a paying basis this fall, and as soon as this condition exists active work of extending the line will be taken up. Several surveys have already been made, and it is said that the route from Mt. Angel to Salem offers no great engineering problems. The road, if built, would give a service between Portland and Salem on either side of the Willamette valley; the Hill electric line now reaching the capital by the west side.

MANY ATTEND SUPPER

Christian Endeavor Society Members Meet in Baptist Church Parlors
Junior and Intermediate Classes of the Christian Endeavor Society of the Baptist church gave a most successful and enjoyable supper in the church parlors Monday evening, and many were on hand to hear the bright remarks of the speakers and to partake of the tasty repast offered. Refreshments for the evening were in charge of Misses Marie Andresen, Dorothy Green and Veril Armstrong. The program committee was composed of Leta Aldridge, Marie Cox and Vera Williams; while the serving of supper was in the hands of Mrs. Dilson, Mrs. Jeremiah, Mrs. Gillette, Mrs. Burke and Miss Armstrong. Mrs. Oglaby and Mrs. Milliken were formal hostesses for the evening.

The Courier for Butter Wrappers

YOUTH IS SUICIDE

Victor Schmidt, of Springwater, Hangs Self in Father's Barn
His mind believed to have become unbalanced as the result of sunstroke sustained three years ago, Victor Schmidt, 29 years old, the son of A. D. Schmidt, a Springwater rancher, committed suicide Wednesday afternoon at his home. The young man went into the barn on his father's place, tied his hands together, placed a noose about his neck while standing on a box, and then kicked the support from his feet. Coroner Hempstead investigated the case.

FOUR BOYS WANTED

Multnomah County Loses Youths from Detention Home; Wants Help
Four boys, ranging in age from 12 to 15 years of age, and one of them wearing long trousers, escaped from the detention home in Multnomah county this week and departed for regions unknown. Sheriff Wilson has been asked to keep an eye open for them, and any resident of Clackamas who runs across any one of the youngsters is requested to communicate with the sheriff at once. The boys are described as follows: John Phillipino, 13 years old, medium light complexion, slender of stature, and with a large scar on the right temple. Carl F. Tard, 14 years old, tall, dark, wearing among other things a brilliant red sweater. Joe Pizzaro, 15 years old, tall and slender, wearing dark suit and hat, long trousers, and having a large scar on the right side of his mouth. Lawrence Buckbee, 12 years old, round face and blue eyes. The boys may seek work at some farm. It is believed that they are heading for California.

FINE IS REMITTED

Mumpower Boys Get Off Easy after Fishing in Clackamas with Nets
On complaint of fish wardens Jesse and Carl Mumpower were arrested by Constable Frost Monday and arraigned before Justice John Sievers, charged with having fished with gill-nets in the Clackamas river during closed season. Both boys pleaded guilty. Justice Sievers fined each fifty dollars, and then remitted Carl Mumpower's fine, leaving the boys to make up fifty dollars between them. Justice Sievers also ordered the fish wardens to return the gear used by the boys. Constable Frost made the arrest over the telephone, telling the two young men to report. They did not wait for the constable to go after them, but came into court and surrendered.

Willing Workers Meet

The Willing Workers, the young peoples' organized class of Beaver Creek Sunday School, met at the home of their teacher, Mrs. D. F. Bennett, Friday evening last. Seventeen were present and all reported a delightful time. Their next meeting will be held April 30th at the home of Miss Myrtle Henrich.

TREASURER M. E. DUNN REPORTS NEAR HALF MILLION IN VAULTS

County Treasurer M. E. Dunn reports that up to April 20 there have been collected nearly half a million dollars in taxes. The exact sum paid in to the county vaults up to the date given is \$472,294.94. In return for this amount 10,193 receipts were issued. The county has been particularly fortunate this year in its collections, large and small taxpayers coming in promptly with at least half of their payments, and some of them paying all the money, taking advantage thereby of the discount and avoidance of interest charges.

BEER COMES HIGH

Ralph Carson Finds Five Bottles of Malt Liquor Worth \$60 Apiece
Four bringing five bottles of bock beer into town in violation of the Schuebel ordinance, Ralph Carson was sentenced this week by Recorder Loder to pay a fine of \$300 and to serve 90 days in jail. This is Mr. Carson's third attempt to beat the Schuebel law, so he got an extra heavy penalty.

NEW STORE OPENED

Popular Merchant Moves to Baker's Bridge; Will Offer Merchandise
G. H. Magary, a well-known and popular merchant of the county, who formerly conducted a successful business in Milwaukie and other communities, has moved to Baker's Bridge, and will there conduct a general store that should prove of general benefit to the neighborhood. Mr. Magary has installed a modern and comprehensive stock, and will make every effort to please people of his locality.

INTERESTING MEETING HELD

W. C. T. U. Ladies Discuss Problems Regarding Rearing Children
An interesting mothers' meeting was held by the Gladstone W. C. T. U. last Friday in the school auditorium. Seventh and eighth grade pupils assisted in the meeting, opening the session with a song, "The Legend of the Bells." Mrs. Holdren and Mrs. Moran favored those present with readings; Mrs. Brownell read a paper on "Table Manners and Politeness in the Home for Children;" Mrs. Reynolds presented a paper on "The little requirements;" and Mrs. Hagerman gave some very pleasing solos.

COURT TO PROBE HIGHWAY COSTS

TAXPAYER ASKS RESTRAINING ORDER AGAINST COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

CHARLES W. RISLEY FILES SUIT

Expenditure of More than \$1000 Without Seeking Bids and Letting Contract Alleged Wrong

Hoping to discover whether or not the county court regards the state laws as being worthy of obedience, Charles W. Risley has filed suit in the circuit court asking for a restraining order directed against the commissioners in regard to certain classes of road work. The suit asks that the county commissioners be restrained from undertaking any further expenditures for highway work in districts where the estimated outlay is \$1000 or more; and application for the order alleges that the county commissioners have already violated the state law in 45 instances.

There is a state law that provides that in the case of any road district where the estimated expenditure in any year are \$1000 or more, he county court must advertise for bids and let the work by contract, or else have it done under the supervision of the county surveyor or roadmaster. County Judge Anderson and County Commissioners Mattson and Knight have interpreted this law to apply only to specific bits of work, or jobs, the estimated cost of which would be \$1000.

Mr. Risley resides in road district No. 47, and alleges that during the current year \$3573.93 will be expended in the district under the sole supervision of E. D. Olds, district supervisor. This, he alleges, is an open violation of the law, and he charges that bids should have been sought for the improvement work in his district, or else that the improvement should have been done under the personal supervision of the county surveyor.

Mr. Risley alleges that similar violations of the law have been permitted by the county court this year in road districts Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 30, 31, 32, 35, 37, 38, 40, 41, 43, 49, 51, 54, 55, 56, and 58. These districts, together with the one in which he resides No. 47, makes 45 out of the 60 road districts of the county in which the state law has been violated, according to Mr. Risley's charges.

Complaint has been made from time to time that road funds in this county have been wasted, and that as a result taxpayers have not got anything like the returns they should have had for the highway tax. The law alluded to in Mr. Risley's action was designated primarily to secure economy in road work, and by forcing competition in \$1000 jobs, to bring out the lowest possible price on large improvements. The progress of Mr. Risley's action in the circuit court will be watched with interest by a large number of taxpayers who are desirous of discovering what is wrong with the county road system. Should the court decide that the law has been violated in the 45 districts named, it is not at all unlikely that payment for the warrants for this work may be stopped, and the county commissioners be held directly responsible for the payment of the road costs.

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BARLOW SALOON PERMIT REVOKED

JOE KING FOUND GUILTY OF SELLING LIQUOR TO BOY FROM MOLALLA

COUNTY ATT'Y HEDGES WINS

Efforts of George C. Brownell in Behalf of Indicted Saloonman Prove Unavailing

Clackamas county will be somewhat dryer than it was, and young boys will be better protected from the outreaching clutches of the Demon Rum, as a result of the efforts of County Attorney Gilbert Hedges to convict Joe King, Barlow saloonman; who this week was found guilty in the circuit court of selling liquor to minors. County Attorney Hedges was confronted with many difficulties in this case, but overcame them all and had the satisfaction of seeing the prosecution win out with the support of the jury.

Joe King, keeper of one of the few remaining saloons in the county, and one of the two at Barlow, was accused of having sold liquor to Felix Baty, a Molalla boy who returned from his place drunk one evening. King was arrested, entered a plea of not guilty, and awaited his trial with bravado and the belief that he would be acquitted. He engaged George C. Brownell, self-announced prohibition candidate for the United States senatorship, and a lawyer with a great record of legal victories, to defend him. As a result of the many odd combinations connected with the case, public interest in it was intense, and when the action was brought to trial crowds thronged to the court-room to hear the evidence and arguments.

So great, in fact, was the attendance at the trial that upon several occasions bailiffs had to lock the doors of the courtroom and clear the hall. King was indicted by the grand jury, and entered as his defense a general denial of the charges. The state's evidence was simple and brief, and was attacked at every point by all the legal cunning and technical protest at the command of Attorney Brownell. In summing up before the jury, County Attorney Hedges made a brief and direct plea for justice and for the preservation of the morals of the young. For the defendant Mr. Brownell delivered one of his famed and eloquent speeches, using every bit of skill that long practice before the bar has given him.

For half an hour the jury deliberated the case, and then returned a verdict of guilty as charged. Mr. Brownell was plainly disconcerted by the verdict, but made no appeal in behalf of his client.

Judge Campbell, in passing sentence upon the Barlow saloon man, ordered his license revoked, fined him \$50, and ordered him confined in jail for 60 days, later suspending the jail sentence.

The revocation of King's license will cut down the grog-shops in Barlow to but one, and will probably cause the remaining place to be conducted with a close regard for the technicalities of the law. The triumph of the county in the case reflects great credit upon County Attorney Hedges, who handled the prosecution throughout with skill and success, pleading for simple justice upon the evidence introduced, and never for a moment relying upon theatrical effect for his success. The case was won because the state's case was well prepared and worked up, and because the jury decided that the law had been placed on the statute books to be obeyed.

During the course of the trial considerable comment was made that Mr. Brownell should have undertaken defense of the man in a case dealing with selling liquor to a minor. During the recent statewide prohibition campaign Mr. Brownell declared himself firmly on the side of the "drys," and showed no sympathy with the "wets" at all. Since the campaign, however, he has undertaken the defense of both King, of Barlow, and of Fritz Boyesen, the proprietor of the Hotel Belle, at Milwaukie.

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