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NEW CITY COUNCIL.

The First Meeting of that Body and Its Organization.

THE MAYOR'S ANNUAL MESSAGE.

The Street Railway Franchise Overhauled and Passed to Second Reading—Several Amendments.

At the adjourned meeting of the city council held Monday night the new councilmen took their seats. Recorder Porter being absent on account of sickness O'Connell was appointed recorder pro tem. The mayor and chief of police and Councilmen Albright, Cooke, Greenman, Kelly, O'Connell, Porter, Randall and White responded to the roll call. The mayor appointed the following standing committees:

Finance committee—H. L. Kelly, C. O. Albright and J. W. O'Connell.

On streets and public property—J. G. Porter, T. P. Randall and H. L. Kelly.

On fire and water—J. J. Cooke, W. A. White and C. O. Albright.

On health and police—W. A. White, J. W. O'Connell and C. N. Greenman.

Councilman Randall was elected president of the council by acclamation.

The special committee appointed to examine the reports of the treasurer reported that it had found one error of \$17.25 which the treasurer had corrected. It also found that the matter of licenses had not been conducted in a business like manner and recommended that the provisions of the city charter and ordinances be strictly observed in the future. The report was signed by the only member of the committee that had not gone out of office, J. W. O'Connell, and it was adopted by the council.

The chief of police reported that there had been forty-one arrests during the past year for being drunk and disorderly, three for violating the ordinance relating to cows running at large and three for violation of the ordinance relating to riding or driving horses on the sidewalks. He reported that \$25 had been collected in fines from individuals. The building of a new city jail was recommended as the one now in use is unfit for prisoners to be confined in.

The mayor read his annual message which was as follows:

MAYOR'S ANNUAL MESSAGE.

To the Honorable Common Council of the City of Oregon City—Gentlemen: The financial condition of the city as given by the recorder and the treasurer is as follows:

To Bonds of the city	\$30,000 00
Interest on said Bonds	300 00
Outstanding Warrants	15,740 22
Total	\$46,040 22

By Writs cancelled a/s/mt	\$2,294 39
Cash on hand	1,214 42
Total	\$3,508 81

Leaving a balance of \$42,531 41. Of a bonded indebtedness of \$30,000 00 and a floating " 11,980 98.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The fire department seems to have been conducted as well during the past year as at any time during the history of the city and no doubt as well as any similar department in other cities.

The appliances of the two hose companies, also the hook and ladder company, are in good condition. Fountain hose company No. 1, having 800 feet 4-ply rubber hose and all necessary apparatus. Cataract hose company No. 2, having 850 feet hose of same quality, also with necessary apparatus, while the hook and ladder company's truck and six ladders have been overhauled and put in good condition during the past year.

There are also 17 hydrants set up and in good condition at present, which have been numbered by the last chief of this department and which, obviously, is a very useful and convenient arrangement. The total number of fires during the past year were but two with an estimated total loss of but \$225 00, which itself speaks loudly of the efficiency of the department.

As the water commission is extending water pipe over the hill and as there will soon, no doubt, be hydrants interspersed over this ground, and as our present fire companies are all located on Main street, from where it necessarily takes considerable time to reach any remote point on the said hill, it becomes evident that the formation of another fire company to be located at some point of vantage on the hill would be a most prudent move for the protection against fire of the numerous dwellings and other rapidly enhancing properties here located, which is subject to the destructive ravages of this fell destroyer, fire.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

While this department is not of much numerical strength, still I dare say, that relatively speaking it is as well organized and efficient as any similar force in other cities, and I believe that the said department endeavors to perform its many duties with a firmness and impartiality.

The matter of greatest credit to this department at the present being the practical breaking up of the gambling games which have been continued so long in our fair city, to its great discredit.

PUBLIC PROPERTY.

In connection with this there is but little to say, as no work of moment has been done except the filling and grading of two of our parks on Seventh street, which was very essential and was done at a cost very much

less than it could be done at any later time, the same being due to the removal of surplus material from Seventh street during grading of said street. The city also disposed of two lots on Seventh street to the Hon. T. A. McBride for \$1,000, cash, in gold coin which was considered a very fair price under the conditions.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

During the past year was undertaken the first permanent street improvement in this city, viz.: the improvement of Seventh street from the top of the bluff easterly to the city limits. That the city is involved in litigation over this, its first move toward securing permanent improvements (and thereby insuring that advancement and progressiveness which must come if we ever expect to step out of the swaddling clothes of infancy) is much to be deplored, especially so as some of those who petitioned for the above mentioned improvement and favored it until the assessments were made against the property benefited, according to the charter, are among the litigants.

There were many minor improvements made by the street superintendent in repairing streets, etc., and besides which there was laid during the past year:

Total of 214 lineal feet plank sidewalk 10 feet wide.

Total of 111 lineal feet cement sidewalk 10 feet wide.

Total of 22,928 lineal feet plank sidewalk 6 feet wide.

Total of 1,537 lineal feet plank sidewalk 4 feet wide.

Total of 5,348 lineal feet crossings.

The above includes the sidewalk and crossings on Seventh street which is given as 9,255 lineal feet sidewalk 6 feet wide, and 798 lineal feet crossings.

Besides the above there was expended in the re-construction of the steps from base to top of bluff on 3d, 4th and 7th streets and the construction of steps on 6th street in like manner the total sum of \$1,150.

These steps are substantially built and will last for several years.

The street superintendent has collected up to date for road taxes the amount of \$1,451.53, and expended of same on street work \$1,430.40, leaving a balance on hand of \$21.13, with a delinquent list of taxes unpaid amounting to \$101.12, most of which is collectable.

While the above shows that a great amount of sidewalk and street crossings have been laid during the past year, yet there are many places without walks and some places where old walks should be renewed. Of the latter the most noticeable is on Main street where a large portion of the walks are in a very bad condition.

HEALTH.

While the question of the health of our citizens and the community at large is one of the most important ones which can be brought up, yet heretofore it has received little or no attention whatever.

This should not continue as the sanitary conditions of our city at the present time (with but few and inadequate sewers, some of which are frequently choking, busting and vomiting forth their unbearable stench, even in the principal business streets,) is in a wretched condition. Then again the putrefying and overflowing cesspools in the principal part of our city with no outlet is a source of great danger and menace, both to health and life.

There is also another source of annoyance in connection with this sanitary question which the health committee should look carefully after. It is the gathering of swill or garbage through this city in unseasonable hours, generally from 8 or 9 o'clock a. m. until 2 or 3 o'clock p. m. This "practice" should be stopped and regulated so that the same should be done before 6 o'clock a. m. While heretofore it has been considered by some of the councilmen, who were appointed to serve on the health committee as not a very important position, I assert that the committee on health and police is one of if not the most important one in this council and city, and if an active interest is taken in prosecuting all the duties which rightfully belong to that committee the incumbrances thereof will do a nobler and more important work for their constituents and the community at large than those of any other committee.

In conclusion I trust that during the ensuing year a harmony will exist in the council of this honorable body and that the members will at all times keep in view that all legislation should be for the best interests of the community, i. e., to do justice to all and the greatest good to the greatest number.

The ordinance granting franchise for the East Side railway company to build and operate a railway on Main street by horse, cable or electric power was taken up and the council went into committee of the whole with Randall in the chair to consider it. The committee went through the ordinance carefully section by section, City Attorney Cross acting as secretary, and several important amendments were made.

When the ordinance came before the council again it provided for a franchise for single or double track on Main street from Third north to the city limits, the company to keep the street in good condition between the rails and between tracks. The term of the franchise was changed back to fifty years instead of fifty years as amended by the old council and a license of \$100 per annum after the first ten years, payable January 1 of each year, was imposed instead of the \$10 for each motor car. It was made compulsory that the company run cars each way as often as once each hour from 6 a. m. to 10 p. m. and that the fare within the city should not exceed five cents. Provision was also made for building a hydraulic canal under the road in case the canal down Main street should ever be constructed. The company must file its acceptance of the terms of the ordinance within sixty days after its passage and twelve months are allowed for the completion of the road. The amendments were adopted and the ordinance ordered published.

Kelly, Porter and Cooke were appointed a committee to co-operate with the board of trade committee to arrange for a celebration of the Fourth of July and the council adjourned.

MINING DISASTERS.

Forty-three Killed at Roslyn and Nine at Batte.

GENERAL NEWS OF THE WORLD.

The English Disturbed Over the New American Registry Law—Seal Arbitrators—Other News.

ROSLYN, Wash., May 17.—Last Tuesday a terrible explosion occurred in the Northern Pacific's coal mine. There were forty-three men in the shaft and every one must have been instantaneously killed, judging from the appearance of the bodies, all of which have been recovered. Most of the miners had families in destitute condition by reason of work being furnished but two days a week during the past year.

Six Miners Killed.

BUTTE, Mont., May 17.—It is now known that nine miners were killed by the cave-in at the Anaconda mine near Butte, Mont. Fourteen were entombed and it was at first thought that all were killed, but five have so far been taken out alive, and it is positively known that all the remainder are dead.

THE AMERICAN REGISTRY BILL.

England Much Worked Up Over the Transfer of the Inman Steamships.

LONDON, May 15.—No other event in many months has caused such amazement and disgust in the British mind as the transfer of the ocean racers of the Inman line to the American flag. The average Englishman regards British supremacy on the seas as so thoroughly established that it is impossible for him to understand why any vessel could be willing, under any circumstances, to transfer its allegiance and accept the flag of another power. This is the patriotic view for the business world in Great Britain. The Inman incident has an aspect even darker, as it is more practical. Merchants and others see in the transfer the cloud no bigger than a man's hand that foreshadows the loss of England's commercial supremacy, the leading up of American commerce at the expense of the British. The commercial growth of the United States was already regarded with a jealousy even before this incident. Now there is almost a panic. The government will have to take some steps to prevent, or to discourage other steamship lines from following the Inman company, but the government appears to be in confusion as to what step to take.

Coar d'Alene Mines.

WALLACE, Idaho, May 16.—The trouble between the miners and mine owners of the Coar d'Alene mining country has finally been brought to a head by the importation of 500 miners from the Lake Superior region. Both sides have been serving injunctions on each other and deputy sheriffs, deputy United States marshals and detective forces are numerous about the mines. Quite a number of the imported miners have joined the miners union and refused to work.

WALLACE, May 19.—The mining situation in Coar d'Alene remains practically unchanged. No men were brought to Warner last night, and the miners say none are on the road for that point. Twelve more of the imported men at Union mine deserted today, and say that all the others will desert as soon as possible. Frank Ganahl, of Spokane, counsel for the miners, is here and is preparing a counter action to the injunction proceeding of the mine owners.

The Monetary Conference.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—President Harrison has received from Italy and Austria acceptances of the invitation to participate in the international monetary conference. The acceptance of Italy is especially pleasing to the administration, as, on account of its position as the head of the Latin Union, it will influence the remaining nations to join the conference. It is positively known that invitations were forwarded to all the European powers except Turkey, and some talk has been caused by the fact that the invitations were sent by mail instead of by cable as was intended. Replies from the remaining nations will probably be received shortly. It is the belief of those best acquainted with the progress of the negotiations that the international monetary conference will convene about the 1st of July.

Will Act as Arbitrators.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Justice Harlan, of the United States supreme court, and Senator Morgan, of Alaska, who were selected by the president as arbitrators on the part of the United States in the Bering sea controversy, have each accepted the appointment and agree to serve.

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TO TEST THE STATE BOARD.

The Equalization Matter Brought into Court by a Southern Pacific Suit.

SALEM, Or., May 14.—The assessment and taxation difficulties and differences which have arisen out of the law creating the state board of equalization, and the work of that board at its first meeting, last December, are now in a fair way to reach a settlement in the courts. The Southern Pacific's locomotive which was attached here yesterday for taxes was released today, pending the argument of the injunction before Judge Boise in the chambers here Tuesday. In its complaint, the Southern Pacific alleges that the board of equalization exceeded its authority in classifying and raising the assessment. The case will be taken at once, after argument, to the supreme court on appeal. The opinion of the supreme court will be of interest to every county in Oregon, since not a few of the counties have ignored the work of the state board and levied taxes on assessments as equalized by the county boards. Many counties which have collected taxes on the state board's figures have remitted to the state only on the county boards' figures.

The Rustler's War.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., May 14.—Another demand has been made upon Governor Barber for the Rustler war prisoners at Fort Russell. A Johnson county officer says he will accept the delivery here at Fort McKinney, near Buffalo, or anywhere in his county. If he is given the prisoners here he will undertake to get them back to the north alone and guarantee that none will escape and that they will not be assaulted. Governor Barber will consider the demand as late as possible. It is believed he will decide to hold the prisoners on the ground they would not be safe in Johnson county. New information has been filed against the forty-two men, all being charged with the murder of Nate Chambliss.

The Boundary Commission.

EL PASO, Tex., May 15.—Colonel Barlow, in charge of the United States boundary commission, was in the city today. He said there is no truth in the reports that errors were discovered in the line of the survey. The commission is not out to make a new survey, but simply to see the old monuments are in position and in good condition.

The Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—The supreme court will meet tomorrow after a recess of two weeks, and, if the justices can conclude the announcement of their decisions before the hour fixed for the funeral of the late Senator Barbour, will adjourn for the summer, to meet again the second Monday of October.

A Descendant of Walter Scott.

LONDON, May 15.—The Rev. Father William Iockhart, rector of St. Eheldredas church in Ely Place, was found dead in his bed this morning. He was a descendant of Sir Walter Scott, and he was the author of a life of Rosmini and other works.

Dropped Seventy Feet.

HELENA, Mont., May 15.—A cage on which three miners were riding dropped seventy-five feet in the Drum Lummon mine today. Angus McIver and William Minkle were so severely injured that they died soon afterward, and James Abbott is not expected to survive.

Caused by a Cloud Burst.

PHILADELPHIA, May 15.—About 5:30 o'clock this afternoon, a cloud burst struck this city, causing the death of three men, who with two companions, were in a sail boat on the Delaware river.

Diplomatic Relations Resumed.

ROME, May 13.—Hon. A. G. Porter, the American Minister to Italy, arrived in this city today. The resumption of full diplomatic relations between the two nations is regarded with special favor by all classes in Italy.

Granite Work at a Standstill.

CINCINNATI, May 17.—About 150 granite-cutters struck here today on an order from Barre, Vt., to aid the strikers in the East. Granite work on the Newberry library building and in the monument yards are at a standstill.

The Strike Ended.

CHICAGO, May 17.—The strike of the ironworkers at the world's fair grounds is terminated, and tomorrow the men return to work on the old terms.

A Prominent Home Ruler.

DUBLIN, May 15.—Charles H. Mellon, queen's counsel, one of the first home rulers elected to parliament, died in this city today.

"The flowers that bloom in the spring" are not more vigorous than are those persons who purify their blood with Ayer's Sarsaparilla. The faded Eliza Vita, could scarcely impart greater vivacity to the countenance than this wonderful medicine.

Bolton is the only riverside property on the market.

A NEW IRON MINE.

Development Work Proves Its Exceeding Richness.

50 PER CENT. OF METALLIC IRON.

It is Located on the East Bank of the Willamette a Short Distance Below Oregon City.

The discovery of a vein of hematite iron ore on the Staub place on the east bank of the river about two and a half miles below Oregon City was mentioned in the ENTERPRISE two weeks ago. There was then every indication of a rich find but it was deemed best to await more conclusive developments before treating the mine as a certainty.

The discovery was made by W. T. Welch who was looking for brick clay. His son William H. Welch followed up the iron lead, got a ten-years lease of the property and proceeded to develop the find. The outcropping was discovered in the bank of the river about eighteen feet below the surface of the ground. The strata dipped back from the river at an angle of about forty-five degrees. A tunnel was driven in forty feet on the vein and several tons of ore taken out when the high water Monday flooded the mine and compelled the cessation of work in the tunnel. Now arrangements are being made for sinking a shaft to intersect the ore vein a short distance back from the river bank. This will do away with the danger of flooding from the river.

The large number of samples of ore from the new mine have been assayed by the chemist at the Oswego iron works and the average is fifty-six per cent of metallic iron. The Oswego mines do not exceed an average of thirty-three per cent iron. But next week a large quantity will be taken to the Oswego furnace and the results of practical reduction will be observed. There is no question, however, that the ore is very high grade.

William H. Welch has leased the tract of 120 acres on which the new mine is located for ten years and is to pay eight cents a ton for the ore removed. So he is possessed of a valuable property.

An offer of \$10,000 has been made by Portland parties for the new mine, or, rather, for Welch's lease. He thinks it worth more money, however. The negotiations are still on and it is likely that an agreement will be reached in a few days that will result in the working of the mine on a large scale. It is so convenient to the river that the transportation for ore could not be better. It is even more convenient to the Oswego smelter than the Oswego company's own mines.

Geary on the Democratic Ticket.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—The correspondent of the New York World sends the following tonight: A strong movement is on foot looking to the nomination of Representative Geary, of California, for vice-president on the democratic ticket. The far west has no presidential candidate, and the object of putting Geary forward is the hope that he will be able to carry the twenty electoral votes of California, Nevada, Oregon and Washington for the whole ticket. The Cleveland men here, who think the plan feasible, say with the Geary contribution to the strength of the ticket the renomination of the ex-president would be sufficient without regard to New York's electoral vote.

A Bad Railway Wreck.

CLEVELAND, O., May 15.—In the midst of a terrific storm of wind and rain, two Big Four trains crashed into each other at Cleveland this morning with an awful effect. Both engines were battered into a shapeless mass and rolled off the track. The cars behind were smashed into kindling, and the track for 100 feet was torn up; telegraph poles were broken, and it was two or three hours before notice of the wreck was sent out, and a special train sent to the scene from Cincinnati. People from the village and surrounding country gathered and did all they could to rescue the wounded, many of whom were taken away. Ten persons were killed.

Death of Senator Barbour.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—Senator Barbour of Virginia, died suddenly quite unexpectedly at his residence this morning at 6:31 o'clock. The senator awakened shortly before and aroused Captain Shepherd, who was his guest, stating he was sorely oppressed as with croup, and asked him to send for physician. Returning to his room, Senator Barbour lay down and died within ten minutes. The physician pronounced the cause heart failure.

A College President Dead.

WHEATON, Ill., May 15.—Jonathan Blanchard, president emeritus of Wheaton college, died very suddenly at his home here today.