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THEY WANT A REDUCTION

Merchants Think They Are Paying Too Much For Lights.

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If the Present Rates Are Lowered Many Business Houses Would Add More Incandescents.

The Oregon City Retail Merchants' Association held a meeting Tuesday evening and discussed the question of cheaper lights in stores. The matter was thoroughly gone over and the consensus of opinion seemed to be in favor of a reduction. Oregon City merchants now pay 75 cents for each 16 candle power incandescent light. They consider this too much money. Woodburn pays 40 cents.

The Association advances the argument that the electric light company will not lose money if the price of each light is reduced to 50 or even 40 cents, as merchants will increase the number of lights. For example one business man has two lights in his store and pays \$1.50 per month for them. He also uses gasoline lamps. If the rate for incandescents was reduced to 50 cents he would install four additional lights and do away with the gasoline lamps, paying the light company \$3 or just twice the amount he is giving them under the present rate.

A committee composed of Messrs. Huntley, Ely and Harris was appointed to canvass the business houses and propound to each merchant the following question: "If the price of each light was placed at 50 or 40 cents, how many would you burn?" By this method they expect to ascertain the number of lights which would be used in the city under the proposed reduction and show to the company that its revenue, instead of being diminished would be increased. It is also reasonable to suppose with a lower rate many residence would use electricity. The town would therefore be more brilliantly lighted.

The early closing movement was discussed at some length. All of the merchants in the city are now members of the association except Sellings' and Yakeda's. These two stores have so far withheld their consent to the agreement to close at 8 o'clock and strong efforts are being made to have them come into line, as other houses which carry the same line of goods are naturally desirous that these stores should affiliate with the association.

It is expected that in a short time the drug stores will get together and arrange for a closing hour that will be satisfactory to all of them.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

The Young Men's Christian Association is assuming the appearance of attractiveness, and the average attendance is increasing to a noticeable degree. New members are being received nearly every day; from October 1 to the 21st there were added to the list 21 new names.

One of the rooms up stairs will be fitted up with parlor furniture and a good comfortable place arranged for the convenience of the members. The room formerly used for a parlor will be used for a game room and amusement for members.

The gymnasium classes are growing and much interest is being displayed. About thirty names are registered in the Physical Department and Mr. Wilson is sparing no efforts to make this feature of the work attractive. A foot ball team is being organized and enthusiasm for the game is in evidence. Several candidates are in the field who are experienced on the gridiron and games may soon be looked for. The gymnasium is used for indoor practicing.

The baths are proving their usefulness and the patronage has been increased within the past six weeks from about nine to over fifty per week. The new lockers are large, well ventilated, and convenient.

The religious meetings on Sunday afternoon will be made as helpful and attractive as possible. All Christian men of Oregon City are urged to assist in this work of winning souls to the Master. The Bible classes will be started within the next week or two and any body interested either in a devotional study of God's word or from a Sunday School teacher's standpoint. The latter class will be conducted by Mr. Jas. Edmunds, a well trained Sunday School worker, and take the nature of a Normal class for the weekly lessons. Ladies and gentlemen are invited to enter this class.

Visitors are always welcomed to our rooms and will receive any information desired concerning the work, or anything else possible for us to give.

CITIZENS AROUSED.

Will Make Strong Fight Against Removal of Carshops.

The citizens of Milwaukie met at the Town Hall Monday to consider the matter of retention of the carshops at that place. Milwaukie is greatly aroused over the prospect of the removal of the carshops of the Portland City & Oregon Railway Company. A well attended meeting was held and the sentiment was in favor of the retention of the shops if possible. John Gibson called the meeting to order and called for nomination for chairman. John Gibson was elected secretary. The organization was finally called "The Milwaukie Improvement Association."

Mr. Lecler made a statement in which he said that he had interviewed Manager Hariburt concerning the removal of the shops. The manager informed him that the company had not received fair treatment in getting property for changing the track so as to avoid the trestle. He also claimed that Sellwood had offered a bonus of two acres for a site and \$1,000 cash to move the shops there. He stated that certain people in Milwaukie were working against the company and nothing would be done until the 25th of the month.

Mr. Gibson stated that if the car shops were removed it would be the fault of the Milwaukie people. One thing complained was that there was no place for the employees to live. It was too small a town. After an extended discussion a committee composed of Messrs. Gibson, Lecler and Stribe was appointed to ascertain just what the company wanted. After further discussion of needed improvements the meeting adjourned for two weeks.

The Emergency and the Man.

The labor troubles of the present year have developed some unexpected things to both employers and employed—things that are deserving of amicable and fair consideration by both sides to labor controversies and which are as the "facts" of Sairey Gamp, those "stubborn things not easy drove."

One marked effect of the machinists' was noticed in the factory of the American Graphophone Company, at Bridgeport Connecticut, a concern whose annual product runs into the millions and whose methods of manufacturing are thoroughly up to date. As a result of the disaffection among their workmen, this company found it necessary to close one of its most important departments. Operations were suspended for a fortnight but during that time it was once more demonstrated that necessity is the parent of invention, and special machinery, designed by ingenious men, was quickly supplied through the use of which one man was enabled to do the work of three, then four, and finally nine machinists. The result of this was that the special machinery evolved under stress of circumstances, and which might never have been forthcoming under ordinary conditions, was operating so effectively, long before the strike was over, that the need of many of the former employees had ceased to exist.

Consequently, while the feeling toward the men who have been absent for several weeks was of the most kindly character, and they were received without prejudice, it was out of the question to take back more than a fraction of them when they were ready for duty. This condition applied in a lesser degree in other departments of the same factory, the obvious lessons of which is that whether the grievance which impels men to leave their work be real or fancied, their action undoubtedly brings on an emergency which is full of dangers. While in other countries an economic upheaval, such as a strike, may so dishearten and embarrass manufacturers as to force them to yield, at least sufficiently to effect a compromise, the occasion, in this country, seems simply to arouse the latent ingenuity of mechanics with the result that has been done in one way is accomplished in another and usually with fewer men. In every crisis in history the occasion produced the man who was needed for the emergency, and in the same way, in the United States at least, the factories develop with unerring certainty men who were evigently created to lead the way out of emergencies and whose ultimate ingenuity is not realized, even by themselves, until the problem to be solved is suddenly presented.

C. M. Phelps, Forestdale, Vt., says his child was completely cured of a bad case of eczema by the use of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Beware of all counterfeits. It instantly relieves piles. Geo. Harding.

LAW DECIDED UNCONSTITUTIONAL

Curative Portion of Act of 1901, Relating to Delinquent Tax Sale.

Judge Aitken, of the Supreme Court of Union County, has decided that the curative portion of the act of 1901, relating to the sale of real estate heretofore bid in by counties for delinquent taxes is unconstitutional.

In one case the land was not assessed to the owner and was included with other property and the tax carried out in a lump sum, and the court says these two defects are fatal and necessarily render the assessment void, being jurisdictional and not affected by the curative act of 1901.

In the other case, the court says the sufficiency of the complaint will largely depend upon the validity of the act of 1901, page 71, which act is amendatory of an act of 1893, page 27, entitled "to authorize County Judges and clerks of school districts to bid in property sold for taxes." Whether that title would be sufficient to authorize the Legislature also to provide for the sale and conveyance by the county may be questionable, but the court thinks it might possibly include it. But the act of 1901 has also an additional element, that of curing defects in the assessment and sale of land, the title being "To amend an act entitled an act to authorize County Judges and clerks of school districts to bid in property sold for taxes, approved February 20, 1893, and to provide for the sale of the same." The court is clearly of the opinion that the curative part of this statute is wholly beyond and outside of the title of the act and is entirely different matter; that the title is not broad enough to include it; that that part of the act would be void; and that without this curative part of the act the whole proceeding of the sale is void, if there were no return by the Sheriff of the delinquent tax list as provided by law as a basis upon which the warrant could issue.

The court is also of the opinion that the Legislature cannot by a curative act dispense with the regularity of a warrant under a statute providing for the same, as such warrant is jurisdictional; neither can it provide for some other form of warrant to have ex post facto effect. The assessment being jurisdictional, the court also holds that a retroactive statute cannot change it.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

New Cement Sidewalk To Be Built on Main Street.

The city council met in special session last evening and authorized the committee on streets and public property to place a cement walk and steps in front of the city hall, to adjoin the new cement walk which the owners of the new Stratton building will put in. When this is done the block will have a cement walk from the North end of the Fountain Engine House to the South end of the Stratton building, and when the present wood walk in front of the Brunauk restaurant and Cole's saloon wears out a cement walk will be extended to the corner of Main and Seventh streets. The council approved the contract with the Portland General Electric Company for street lighting. A proposition to place the public park on the hill in condition for baseball grounds for the school children was referred to the committee on streets and public property.

Laud Office Decisions.

The case of Mand A. Griffith vs. Heirs and Legal Representatives of Chas. E. Ronell, deceased, involving lot 8, Sec. 34, T. 4 N., R. 8 W., and lots 1 and 2 and S. E. 1/4 of NE 1/4, Sec. 3, T. 3 N., R. 8, W., has been decided in favor of the contestant and the cancellation of the entry recommended. Col. R. A. Miller represented the contestant and T. E. Cowing appeared for the contestee.

The land office officials rendered a decision in favor of the entryman in the contest of John Beilstein vs. Ira Jones, involving the SW 1/4, Sec. 11, T. 4 N., R. 4 W. The land is situated near Vernonia in Columbia county. R. A. Miller was the contestant's attorney and Jones appeared in his own behalf.

The Latest Yarn.

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