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MANY MATTERS OF MUNICIPAL INTEREST A THIEF BECAUSE HE CAN'T HELP IT WILL BUILD ELECTRIC RAILWAY TO MOLALLA

CITY COUNCIL TRANSACTS A LOT OF BUSINESS AT ONE SESSION.

RAISE THE POLICEMEN'S SALARY

Kansas City Bridge Must Be Replaced At Once—Semi-Annual Report of Officers

At the adjourned session of the City Council, Thursday night of last week, a lot of important matters kept the honorable body busy until 11 o'clock. Police officers' pay was increased \$15 a month, the Kansas City bridge was reported beyond repair and it will be replaced by a new one as soon as possible, ordinances were passed for improvement of J. Q. Adams and Sixth streets and establishing grade of Washington and Sixth streets, petition for the removal of the hill steps from Sixth to Fifth street was read, City Attorney Campbell reported over \$2200 due city from county in division of road fund and steps taken to secure same, bond of Jos. E. Hodges as water commissioner approved, officers' semi-annual reports read, claims allowed, franchisees granted the Oregon City & Suburban Ry. and to T. F. Ryan were declared forfeited, bids were authorized for crushed rock, the O. W. P. & R. Co. was warned to slacken speed of its cars on Main street, speed ordinance for automobiles and motor cycles ordered drawn, and matters of street signs, street numbering, extension of Eleventh and Twelfth Sts. and repair of Seventh street curbs were considered. It was lots of work for a hot night and several of the members were willing to quit long before Mr. Rands was through with his note book.

Wednesday night was the regular meeting night but the minutes show that Mayor Caulfield and Councilman Andersen were the only two who could tear themselves away from the joys of the glorious Fourth, but on Thursday night all showed up sooner or later except Councilmen Brandt, Straight and Williams.

Although not the most important matter, discussion of the raise in policemen's pay took the most time. It was brought up by a petition, asking for the increase, by Nightwatch Shaw and Special Police Cooke. They stated the pay was the same now as ten years ago, \$60 a month, while cost of living had increased, their duties had multiplied and the danger was greater.

Councilman Logus spoke warmly in favor of increase and moved that the pay be \$75 a month. He said watchmen in the mills were paid \$60 for work not half as dangerous or half as hard. Councilman Knapp in seconding the motion regretted the charter prevented a similar increase for Chief of Police Burns. He called attention to the fact that the city now received \$2400 a year more revenue from saloons than it did when the salaries were fixed at \$60.

In answer to a question from Councilman Andersen, the Mayor said he had no trouble generally in securing good men at the old pay. Mr. Andersen objected to haste in making so important a change permanently; thought best to allow the increase for one month and take the matter up at the next meeting. Other employees of the city would probably be demanding more pay. Councilman Justin put in a word in favor, while Harrington thought it ought to be postponed until all members were present. This started a laugh and someone said that meant postponing it for years. Thereupon Nightwatchman Shaw, who had happened in, cheerfully volunteered the information that Councilman Straight was in favor but could not be on hand. This tacit admission by Mr. Shaw that he had been eavesdropping caused another smile. Chief Burns said the pay of patrolmen in Portland was \$90, detectives \$100 and captain \$125. Councilman Rands said the present policemen were worth the increased pay but he didn't believe in \$75 as a standing price for anyone who might be picked up.

City Attorney Campbell suggested a way of evading the provision in the city charter that limits the pay of the Chief to \$60. He said to allow \$18 or \$20 a month extra for telephone expenses. Mr. Campbell disclaimed any desire to influence the council but went right ahead and made a long talk in favor of the proposed increase, which he said would amount to only one cent a month for each man, woman and child in the city. Knapp moved to amend by allowing the Chief of Police \$15 a month for incidentals. This was carried as was also the motion as amended, both unanimously.

Kansas City Bridge Rotten. Councilman Rands reported that the timbers of the Kansas City bridge were rotten and not worth repairing. It is necessary to replace it at once, the need being so great that the formality of an ordinance was dispensed with, and bids were authorized by resolution. It is thought no one will question the legality of the measure because of the urgency of the matter.

Street Car Company Warned About Speed.

Councilman Logus called attention to the great speed of the O. W. P. & R. cars along Main street, far exceeding the 7 mile limit allowed by ordinance. Several spoke of the danger and said cars shot through town at from 20 to 30 miles an hour. The Recorder was directed to notify the

head office, and if that does no good an example will be made. The same official was directed to draw up an ordinance limiting speed of automobiles and motor cycles and have same ready for next council meeting. Airships are to be left unfettered from speed restriction.

Clackamas County Owes Oregon City Over \$2200.

City Attorney Campbell in his report to the council gave a statement of the account between Clackamas county and Oregon City, showing there is due the city \$2206.30 on 1902, 1903, and 1904 road taxes, principally the latter two years as only \$1.13 is in the 1902 list. The charter provides that the city shall receive 60 per cent of road taxes collected while a special law provided for but 50 per cent. The county officials paid over only 50 per cent during the two years stated, but a Supreme court decision says the city is entitled to 60 per cent. The \$2206 represents the difference of 10 per cent and Mr. Campbell will appear before the new county court and demand the money. For his work in looking up the matter he put in a bill for \$80 which was allowed along with the claims.

Claims Allowed.

C. E. Burns, Ch. of Police	50.00
E. L. Shaw, nightwatch	40.00
Henry Cooke, special police	60.00
W. A. Dimick, recorder, additional work, contract, etc.	35.00
Geo. Brown, special police	3.00
J. W. Alldredge, special police	7.00
J. Douthett, special police	8.00
Ed. Surfus, special police	12.00
L. S. Davis, special police	10.00
E. L. McFarland, Ch. of fire Dept	10.00
J. U. Campbell, Pros. fees, and abstracting taxes	80.00
Geo. Marley, cleaning Main St.	60.00
Board of Water Commissioners, hauling dirt	29.12
Oregon City Enterprise, printing	25.00
Pope & Co., fire supplies, repair house and jail	11.95
E. F. Story, blacksmithing	2.70
C. N. Greenman, hauling	14.75
Williams Bros. Transfer Co., hauling	56.40
Hedges & Griffith, office rent, city engineer	7.50
Adams Bros., flag	7.50
Bruce C. Curry, service in re house numbering	5.00
Portland General Electric Co., lights, etc.	185.00
Finance Committee, one American La France H. & L. truck, payment liens against lots 1 & 8, 315 160, Sewer Dist. No. 2, and lot 8, blk 29, Third street improvement	209.46
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Jack R. Caulfield, treasurer, etc.	41.50
W. R. McAlpin, numbering plats	25.00
H. A. Rands, city engineer, grades, setting stakes	29.50
F. Lawrence, fling saws	1.75
J. C. Bradley, street Supt.	52.75
David Caulfield, street work	46.00
John Gleason, street work	33.00
C. Straight, street work	28.00
James Ware, street work	3.00
A. Wickham, street work	24.00
Pope & Co., repairing pipe on 12th St., nails, etc.	17.75
Oregon City Planing Mill Co., lumber	284.39
Wilson & Cooke, handsaw, etc.	2.35
C. B. Nash, work, team	2.25

City Finances Shown in Reports by Officials.

The Treasurer, Recorder and Board of Water Commissioners submitted reports. The latter reported total collections during six months \$6431.25; disbursements \$8381.66; warrants outstanding \$24,408.31.

The Recorder's report covered the month ending July 5. Ten dollars were collected from two drunks; Louis Wolverson paid \$10 for fighting and disorderly conduct; Ed. Stiles and Frank Brown were arrested on same charge but their trials had not been held. Other receipts: Cemetery lots \$53; delinquent sewer assessment \$21.54; Fifth street improvement \$35.63; licenses \$478.00. Of the latter \$400 were from W. E. Wilson and W. Rambo for saloon licenses. Total receipts \$710.52.

Street Car Franchises Forfeited and Repeated.

Ordinances were read first time and ordered published in the Enterprise, repealing ordinances Nos. 276 and 293. The former was the franchise granted the Oregon City & Suburban Ry. to build lines on a number of hill streets, and the latter franchise granted T. F. Ryan for street car lines and elevators.

Street Improvement Ordinance. Ordinance assessing the probable cost of the improvement of J. Q. Adams street was ordered published. The cost will be \$1057.35 for the block between Sixth and Seventh streets, of which the adjoining property owners must pay two-thirds.

Ordinance re-establishing the grade of Sixth street between Main street and Railroad avenue, was passed; also one establishing grade of Washington street from Seventh to Abernethy creek. From Tenth St. to Twelfth St., one side of Washington street will be four feet higher than the other. Ordinance for the improvement of Sixth street from Water street to Railroad avenue was passed.

Want Steps at Fifth Street.

A petition for the abandonment of the steps at Sixth street and the erection of steps at Fifth street was read. It was signed by the following who agree to give the sums stated toward the cost of the improvement: Commercial Bank \$20, Logus & Albright \$20, George A. Harding & Co. \$20, H. P. Brightbill \$10, M. Justin \$10, D. M. Klemsen \$10, Wm. J. Emery \$5, Krause Bros. \$5, M. Soner \$1, A. J. Sunbar \$5, G. N. Joe \$1, G. Rosenstein \$2, Fair Store \$1. Petition re-

ferred to committee on streets and public property.

Names of Streets Duplicated.

Only two bids were in to furnish street signs both from F. L. Freeburg, who offered to supply a galvanized iron sign 4x16 at \$19 a hundred, or enamel signs, 4x18, for 37 cents each in lots of 250 or over, or 38 cents each for less number than 250. No action taken on bid except to refer to committee.

Councilman Rands reported that in drawing maps of city for numbering of houses, he found several duplications of names of streets, such as Sixteenth, Seventeenth and Eighteenth at each end of Main street. There are also two Harrison streets. On motion, the Mayor appointed Knapp, Rands and Logus a special committee to take up the matter of renaming duplicate named streets, and oversee in general the numbering, and to report at next meeting.

Doubts City's Authority to Condemn Property.

Mr. Rands' little note book in which he jots down street or other matters that require attention was seemingly filled Thursday night. And they were important matters, too, such as the extension of Eleventh and Twelfth streets, a very pressing and necessary improvement as he pointed out. Strange to say there is some doubt about the council's power to condemn land for street purposes though it may for most any other public purpose. However the doubt is a lawyer's doubt about construction of the language of the charter, and the council will go ahead and create a district as provided by law and make the extension. The street committee was directed to present the necessary ordinance at the next meeting.

Another small doubt was raised about who should pay cost of repairs of curbs on Seventh street where the curbs are in a dilapidated condition. Heretofore the property owners have paid and the street commissioner was directed to notify all property owners along that street to repair curbs.

Will Buy Crushed Rock.

An ordinance was read and ordered published authorizing bids for 500 tons of crushed rock for street purposes. The disposition of the rock pile on Washington street was discussed, and the committee will endeavor to arrive at an understanding with Hill and Walker, who are reported as "disposed to do something."

Liquor License Granted.

The application of Wm. Rambo for the renewal of his liquor license was granted. The bond of Joseph E. Hodges as water commissioner was approved. It is in the sum of \$1000 and W. A. Huntley and A. L. Beattie are the sureties.

SOUTHERN OREGON COPPER DISTRICT

A BIG SMELTER IS PROJECTED FOR THE BLUE LEDGE SECTION.

Copper having almost doubled in price in the last five years, with the demand so great by reason of electrical and other requirements that many of the refineries are behind with their orders, has given a big impetus to the development of new copper districts. Southern Oregon is feeling this boom in copper and many prospectors are locating and developing claims in the Takilma and other districts of the Illinois valley and in the Applegate valley.

The greatest rush is now to the Blue Ledge district in the Upper Applegate valley, where over 600 claims have been taken and very extensive development work is being carried on by many of the claim-holders. This big rush to the Upper Applegate is largely due to the certainty that a big smelter will be erected on the famous Blue Ledge mine now being developed by a New York company, which is employing 150 men and crowding work with the utmost speed. A number of Spokane capitalists are also doing extensive work on promising copper claims in this district. The Blue Ledge district is reached by a daily stage line operated from Jacksonville. The traffic has so increased that additional stage lines have been put on. The trip to Joe Bar, the distributing point for the Blue Ledge district, is made in one day.

FIX SALARIES OF COUNTY DEPUTIES

REGULATION SIXTY DOLLARS A MONTH ALLOWED THREE BY THE COUNTY COURT.

Saturday evening the County Court adjourned to meet again Wednesday, July 11, after transacting a considerable amount of routine business. Numerous road petitions and remonstrances were considered and in Road District No. 2, Max Webster was appointed Supervisor to succeed County Treasurer J. C. Paddock.

The appointments of the several deputies in the various offices at the court house were approved and the salary of each was fixed, as follows: Shirley Buck, deputy sheriff, \$60 per month; Chas. Ely, deputy sheriff, without salary; L. E. Williams, deputy recorder, \$60; Clara Buchegger, deputy recorder, with compensation fixed at \$2.25 per day when at work; Mrs. Belle A. Sleigh, deputy clerk, \$60.

A THIEF BECAUSE HE CAN'T HELP IT

YOUTHFUL BURGLAR WITH LONG PRISON RECORD CONFESSES TO NUMEROUS CRIMES.

Frank Higgins, alias Frank Miller, aged about 20 years, is in jail charged with burglary. Notwithstanding his youth, it is no new thing for Higgins to be in jail. In fact he has spent most of his time since he was a boy in jails and reform schools as punishment for yielding to the temptation to take articles owned by other persons.

Higgins was working for Dr. Morey in the Molalla neighborhood for a week or so until Friday night when he broke into the home of L. M. Morris and stole some household goods. Constable Frank Adams arrested him for that crime Saturday and he was being held for examination on the 9th. He was locked in a room at Adams', from which he escaped early Monday morning about 1 o'clock, by jumping from the second story window. He took Adams' horse and started northwest. Dr. Morey met him but the youthful criminal pulled a gun and got away. He was captured at Carus by Charles Spence and Fred Spangler. Upon the arrival of Constable Adams and party, who were in hot pursuit, Higgins was brought to Oregon City.

He had not been in Sheriff Beattie's care long when boasting of his crimes he admitted being the person who broke into A. N. Johnson's jewelry store at Estacada the night of June 25, where he stole six watches, breast-plans, chains and other jewelry. From there he went to Molalla and worked for Dr. Morey under the name of Frank Miller, claiming to be a San Francisco refugee.

Higgins had two of the watches when arrested. He pawned one watch to Burns, the storekeeper at Liberal, traded two to Morey for a horse and gave one to Morey's daughter, so all six of the watches will be recovered.

Higgins' criminal career is as remarkable as it is disreputable. He has served eight years in the reform school. A few months ago he was jailed at McMinnville on the charge of burglary and while allowed out to mow the lawn he made his escape. He next selected Clackamas as the scene of his operations.

Short shift will be given him here as Judge McBride is expected this week and as Higgins says he will plead guilty it will soon be to the "pen" for him.

Higgins claims his people live at McMinnville. He is undoubtedly a degenerate, morally defective. Says he steals because he can't help it. He is a nickel library victim, that pernicious literature working on his weak mind until he hardly knows right from wrong.

There is a reward of \$75 for the capture and conviction of the person who burglarized Johnson's jewelry store at Estacada.

ATTEMPTED A DISGUISE AT MOLALLA.

Molalla, July 11.—Last week Luther Morris had some of his household goods stolen. He notified the authorities here which brought about the arrest of a young lad who claimed to be 21 years of age. Constable Adams was holding him for trial, which was to take place on the 9th. Sometime Saturday night the thief dressed up in Perry Kayler's long pants, shoes and hat and broke jail and taking the Constable's best horse went down the road to Dr. Morey's where he had formerly worked and got his gun where he had it cached away. Morey tried to retain him but when the lad shoved the steel in his face he did not insist any further. The horse-thief proceeded on his way, but the telephone had sounded the alarm, so two men with guns at Carus brought him under subjection, and after being brought back here and ordered to undress, was taken to the county jail by Constable Adams and Deputy Harless.

LUMBER FOR THE NEW M. E. CHURCH

E. LEHAMAN OF ROUND PRAIRIE SECURES CHURCH CONTRACT—MOLALLA NOTES.

Molalla, July 11.—Cooler weather. Lumber contract for the new M. E. church has been let to E. Lehman, of Round Prairie.

Austin T. Buxton and family, of Forest Grove, are visiting at Oliver Robbins, and will remain here until after the Pomona Grange meeting.

The Fourth was appropriately celebrated at Wright's Springs, with many kinds of "crackers." Some hold to the idea that poor people should not invest in fire crackers. Whilst the writer was a boy once and burnt a great deal of powder when it was the custom to be very patriotic and make things pop, he now would be willing to see all the fire crackers "cracked" in China, where they belong—but so long as the rich and well-to-do young America has the undisputed liberty to "terry" the timid on Independence day, by all means accord the same liberty to the poor deserving boy if the county has to issue the fire crack-

WILL BUILD ELECTRIC RAILWAY TO MOLALLA

ers once a year, this would be more reasonable than issuing cigarettes to the boys of America and thus encouraging them to slowly commit suicide, as aid in adding to our steady crowded insane asylums.

Last week a couple of city lads came out this way en route for Wilhoit Springs, with an old model automobile; they stopped at this place to fuel up and grease down. In setting the thing going it took fire and when they were directed to move out, in doing so the crank was severed from the air pump. Even the small boys winked at each other "on taking in" what they termed the old fire wagon, beats any 19 cent show of late.

MT. HOOD RAILWAY SURVEYS.

Large Force of Men at Work in Vicinity of Gresham.

Gresham, July 7.—A large force of surveyors passed through this section Saturday, surveying for the route for the proposed Mount Hood railway. From the reservoir the surveyors have been working north of the Section Line road, and will pass Gresham just outside the city limits, along its northern boundary. The course from here will be through the Beaver Creek canyon, striking the Sandy bluff near Lusted's where the descent will be made to a point near the mouth of Bull Run. It is said that actual construction will begin as soon as the surveyors and right of way shall have been settled. For over a year the company has had a few men at work along the proposed route, preparing for the advent of the surveyors, and there is strong assurance that the road will be in operation by another summer.

BASEBALL AT GLADSTONE.

The schedule of the remaining games as they will be played in the baseball tournament at this year's Chautauqua Assembly, is as follows: Thursday, July 12, Portland Trunk Co. vs. Northwest Gun & Bicycle Co.; Friday, July 13, Chemawa vs. M. A. A. C.; Saturday, July 14, Portland Trunk Co. vs. Vancouver; Monday, July 16, Chemawa vs. Northwest Gun & Bicycle Co.; Tuesday, July 17, Portland Trunk Co. vs. M. A. A. C.; Wednesday, July 18, Vancouver vs. Northwest Gun & Bicycle Club; Thursday, July 19, Portland Trunk Co. vs. Chemawa; Friday, July 20, Vancouver vs. M. A. A. C.; Ed (Trilby) Rankin, of Portland, will be the official umpire for the series of games.

DUTIES OF MEMBERS FOUNTAIN HOSE CO.

ASSIGNMENT OF PLACES ANNOUNCED—WET NEW HOOK AND LADDER TRUCK.

At a meeting of Fountain Hose Company No. 1, Thursday night, the following appointments to official places on the team were made: Al. Cannon, William Scheffer, William Peters, Charles F. Koenig and C. Hartman, nozzlemen; R. Woodward, C. Osburn, and Al. Cox, hydrantmen; F. A. Miles, J. A. McGlashan, H. Emstrum and F. Schoenburn, patrolmen.

The Hooks Celebrate.

At their regular meeting Friday night the members of Columbia Hook & Ladder company fittingly and appropriately celebrated the purchase by the city for this company of a modern and fully equipped hook and ladder truck. Addresses were made by Councilman Wm. Logus, Howard F. Latourrette, Jack Keating, Jack Latourrette and others, and with seasonable refreshments and singing a most delightful evening was passed.

Gives Birthday Party.

Miss Belle Cassell, daughter of Landlord and Mrs. Jacob Cassell, of the Electric Hotel, entertained sixteen of her girl friends Friday afternoon in honor of her birthday anniversary, accompanied by her mother as chaperone, the young hostess and guests spent the afternoon in the enjoyment of the many attractions at The Oaks.

ENOUGH THISTLES TO SEED COUNTY

CANADIAN PEST GROWING IN PROFUSION NEAR HAILEY—MUST BE CHECKED.

On his return from Hailey, Saturday, County Judge Dimick said he had found a tract of one-half acre that was completely covered with that worst and most dreaded of pests, the Canadian thistle. In the vicinity of Hailey were enough thistles to seed the eastern side of Clackamas county.

Immediate steps will be taken to exterminate the pest. The owners and occupiers of the lands where the thistles are growing have been notified and if they don't root and destroy the weeds at once the job will be done by the road supervisor at the owner's expense.

The thistles are just beginning to bloom and no time must be lost in destroying them.

AMBITIOUS PROJECT TAKEN UP BY THE OREGON CITY BOARD OF TRADE.

LINE WOULD BE A PAYING ONE

Committee Appointed to Canvass For Funds And Take Preliminary Steps for Organization.

Ex-County Judge Thomas F. Ryan, County Judge Grant B. Dimick and John Adams were appointed a committee by the Oregon City Board of Trade Friday night to arouse public interest and take the initiative step towards the building of an electric railway into the rich agricultural section of the country surrounding Molalla, via Beaver Creek. The organization is enthusiastic in its support of such a road and will submit the proposition to local business men, of whom subscriptions are expected sufficient to begin the construction.

When the building of an electric line such as is contemplated is once begun, the promoters of the enterprise are confident abundant funds will be forthcoming to complete the undertaking. On an average there are hauled over the roads between this city and Molalla, the objective point of the proposed road, 200 tons of freight daily and it is this business that is expected to be served in the building of such a line.

It is believed that such a road would be a paying proposition and there is not the slightest doubt but it would be a great convenience from the start. It would probably have to enter Oregon City by way of Abernethy creek. There is talk of a county fair grounds being laid out along the projected line, and still wilder talk of extending the new road south to connect with the Corvallis & Eastern that is going to cross the Cascades at Santiam pass. However the Board of Trade is not fathering any of that "hot air," and the committee feels it has its work cut out on an Oregon City and Molalla project.

NEW BOARD OF TRADE ACTIVE IN CITY'S INTEREST.

Besides the Molalla electric road matter, the initial meeting of the newly organized board of directors of the Board of Trade was productive of action on several important matters affecting the interests of Oregon City.

A committee, of which John Adams is the chairman, was named to take up the matter of securing for the city the sprinkling of the principal streets. It is proposed to have the business men subscribe sufficient funds to employ a man and team for the operation of a sprinkler the purchase of which will be asked of the city. It is planned to sprinkle Main street for its entire length and all of the improved streets on the hill.

Another committee was named to secure if possible an adjustment of the fares on the Southern Pacific railroad between this city and Clackamas, it being contended that the present tariff discriminates against Oregon City in favor of Portland. The present fare between Clackamas and Portland, a distance of 13 miles, is 7 1/2 cents while between Clackamas and Oregon City, a distance of but four miles, the passenger is obliged to pay a fare of 15 cents each way. An effort will be made to secure a commutation rate of 5 cents fare between Clackamas and this city.

It has been decided by the Board of Trade to hold one regular meeting each month, on the first Friday evening of each month at the courthouse at which it is especially urged every stockholder attend. Special meetings of the board of directors will be held from time to time as the business under consideration may require.

HOT WAVE OVER OREGON.

General Summary by Weather Bureau for Seven Days Ending July 9.

The first five days of the week were very warm and temperatures of one hundred degrees and over occurred in the Willamette valley, southern Oregon and in the Columbia river counties east of the Cascade mountains. The winds during this hot spell were generally light and the damage, therefore, was less than otherwise would have been the case. The last two days were not so warm, although the temperatures continued above the normal. Between the Coast and the Cascade ranges of mountains dry weather prevailed during the entire week. Local rains occurred in a few of the coast counties, and the weather generally in this portion of the state was cool, with considerable fog at night and for a few hours in the early forenoon. During the last three days the weather was partly cloudy in the eastern counties, and thundershowers occurred in many places, but the precipitation attending them was too light to be of any benefit, except over very limited areas.

Traction Line Plans Work.

A large force of men is to be put to work at once by the Willamette Valley Traction company at the Salem end of the Portland-Salem electric line, with the avowed intention of completing the road from Salem to Chemawa in time for the State fair next September. The line for this distance will be operated with temporary equipment and travel between Salem and the fair grounds will be handled.