

## COUNCIL IN NO HURRY ABOUT FREE LIBRARY

CITIZENS' PETITION IS REFERRED TO SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR INVESTIGATION.

### ONE CHAMPION AMONG MEMBERS

**Councilman Brandt Makes Vigorous Speech Against Delay, But is Opposed by Colleagues and Mayor.**

The appointment of Mayor Caulfield and Councilmen Knapp, Brandt and Andresen as a committee to investigate the library question, to confer with the committee of the library association, and to report at the adjourned meeting held for this purpose next Wednesday, is all that the library committee could accomplish with the members of the council last evening. Despite the large number of subscriptions and names of citizens and property owners, there was only one councilman who spoke a word in favor of the project at last night's meeting and that was Mr. Brandt, who forcibly took issue with Councilmen Andresen, Rands and Justin to lay the matter over for investigation.

The council was called to order at 8 o'clock and only one was reported absent, Councilman Straight. In order not to compel the library association committee to wreathe through the tedious routine business, Mayor Caulfield took up the matter of establishing a free library by imposing a mill or a half-mill tax. The petition was presented, bearing the names of a large majority of the citizens, and the subscription list, showing a total of over \$990.

The Rev. Fr. Hillebrand then made a short speech in favor of granting the petition, pointing out the needs of a library and public reading room, so as to provide a place for the young men of the city and keep them out of mischief. He pointed out the inadvisability of a voluntary association of private citizens to conduct the undertaking. Such ventures have all succumbed to old Father Time and died out when the donors began to lose interest.

The Rev. P. K. Hammond followed up Father Hillebrand's remarks, emphasizing the lack of a proper place for the young people of the city to go of an evening. He showed that it was within the city's province to do all that was prayed for in the petition, and called attention to the fact that a municipal indebtedness does not at all indicate a lack of prosperity, or progressiveness.

Deputy District Attorney Schuebel decisively put himself on record as favoring more than a half-mill tax, and pointed out that the ends of justice could only be subserved by carrying along the public library project from money obtained by taxation of property owners, and not always falling back on the public-spirited business men, most of whom live in rent, and letting the property-owners go scot-free.

#### Figures by Secretary Marvin.

Miss Marvin, secretary of the Oregon Library commission, gave some estimates on the running expenses of a library. Many towns, smaller than Oregon City and a good deal younger, can boast of successful library undertakings. The expenses would not exceed for the first year what is now in by way of voluntary subscriptions plus a half-mill tax. For \$810 the library could be run a year, not counting heat, etc. She called attention to the fact that never yet has a failure been reported of a city library undertaking, since the city got back of it. She showed also that here particularly, where so many young people leave school and go to work without attending the high school, there is a special need of a public library to give the young people of the city an opportunity of bettering themselves along educational lines.

Announcement was made by Rev. Hammond that if the city got back of the movement Dr. Carl would donate \$200 worth of books, and other people, under the same conditions, have promised between 400 and 500 volumes. He emphasized the condition in which all the funds were subscribed, namely, city supervision and management.

Judge T. F. Ryan, who had drawn up an ordinance covering the point, after brief remarks on the general advisability of establishing the library, read the ordinance he had prepared.

He called the council's attention to the fact that their decision in favor of the project would not be monumental from a financial standpoint, since almost enough finances had been raised by voluntary subscriptions to carry the thing through for the first year. The ordinance contains all the necessary safeguards against extravagant management and according to its terms the city council may never levy more than a 1 mill tax, though it may levy less, for the library fund.

W. S. U'Ren laid particular stress on the lack of facilities in this city where men interested in municipal management and organization, could delve into the knotty problems. He showed that the mere acquisition in a city library of other city and state reports would be of incalculable value and tend toward better citizenship and better municipal management in this community. In this particular alone the investment would pay many times over.

Mrs. Eva Emery Dye and Father Hillebrand spoke briefly, and Mrs. W. S. U'Ren made the announcement that various societies in the city, exclusive of what appeared on the subscription list, had promised to support the library financially to an amount not less than \$25 per month. This totals \$300 a year, and would liquidate a very significant item in the running expenses of the city library.

#### Mayor Caulfield Opposes It.

The first word of objection then came from the mayor himself. Mr. Caulfield expressed himself as opposed to the imposition of a tax, considering the city's financial condition at the present time. Even the iron-clad ordinance did not dispel the mayor's fear of future mismanagement and extravagance. He declared himself in favor of a library well enough, but objected to imposing any kind of a general tax to support it. Members present called his attention to what an insignificant sum was asked, no more than an increase of 25 cents on \$500 worth of assessable property. He declared that it would raise the rate of taxation one-fourth, which was vigorously disputed, Judge Ryan pointing out that 9 mills were levied now and the addition would simply add one eighteenth, not one-quarter to the present levy. Attention was called also to the mayor's willingness to impose a McLoughlin fund tax. Why not this instead?

Councilman Andresen expressed himself of the same opinion as the mayor. Councilman Knapp then introduced a motion to appoint a committee of three and the mayor to investigate and report at its earliest con-

venience, which was determined to be next Wednesday. This called for a vigorous speech from Councilman Brandt.

#### Brandt Friend of Library.

Speaking briefly of the dire necessity of a public library, and emphasizing what the committee had pointed out all along, Mr. Brandt addressed his remarks to the councilmen and arraigned them for wishing to put the matter off and not shoulder the responsibility of a definite decision. "You ought to have courage enough to vote for a public library," declared the speaker vigorously. Enthusiastic applause greeted the remark. "There is no use to postpone and shove this matter off until it is too late to do anything."

Councilman Rands then took the floor, backing up the mayor, as did Councilman Justin. The motion to investigate was carried by 7 to 1, Brandt voting against the resolution.

While the members of the committee do not feel particularly discouraged by the council's action, and while the project advocated by them deserves of better treatment than was accorded it, renewed efforts will now be made to convince the committee of the advisability of establishing a library and to get them to make a favorable report to the council next Wednesday. From verbal expressions at the polls, Monday, when the McLoughlin fund was voted on, there seems to be little doubt but what a referendum vote on the library proposition would go through by as decisive a majority as the McLoughlin matter was defeated.

A good deal of miscellaneous business was disposed of by the council at the meeting last evening. The report of taxes for the year was read and referred to the finance committee. The amount does not include a cent of road money from the county this year, since none has been paid over. The amount of \$2211 is due. The ordinance imposing a 3 mill tax for a permanent road improvement fund and 5 mills for the general fund was read for the second time and passed.

The report of the committee on the assessment in Sewer District No. 5, was read, adopted, and the committee discharged. The total assessment equals \$2791. The contractor was also granted an extension of time, 30 days, to complete his contract.

The committee on fire and water, at the advice of Chief McFarland, reported on the purchase of two new nozzles, which was approved by the council and the two articles will be ordered.

The Chief of Police was instructed to investigate the poolrooms, with particular reference to their being frequented by minors and their closing hours. A committee of three and the mayor were delegated to draw up an ordinance covering the question of closing hours and attendance by minors. Andresen, Logus and Brandt were appointed to draw up the ordinance.

The report covering the repair of the Fourth street steps was read and accepted and the charges paid, \$155.

The city's share of the rock excavation on the hill was paid for, amounting to \$159.75. The city pays 25c per yard on 603 cubic yards and the property owners pay the rest.

The assessment on J. Q. Adams street against Mr. Nash was read and referred to the finance committee.

The street committee was instructed to notify property owners regarding the repair of old and laying down new walks on Pleasant avenue, the Cross property on 12th street, on Duane street and on Molalla avenue.

A committee is to investigate and attempt to secure the dedication of land for the sidewalk on Molalla avenue. There is some dispute as to the boundary line which will have to be settled before the work is begun.

#### Says Husband Deserted Her.

Pearl W. Smith has sued her husband Walter E. Smith for divorce on the ground of desertion. They were married in Portland May 10, 1905, and she alleges that her husband left her in May of last year. There are no property rights involved and no children to be taken care of.

#### REBEKAH LODGE RESOLUTIONS.

Pansy Rebekah Lodge, No. 141, at a recent meeting, passed resolutions of respect for the late Mrs. Jane R. Taylor and condolence for the family bereaved by her death. The resolutions are signed by Mrs. Mila Killen, Mrs. Mary E. Mitts and Estella Creswell.

#### LOST.

HEIFER—2 1/2 years old, white with red spots and short pointed horns; has on small bell. Reward for information. R. F. Zimmerman, owner, Box 37, R. F. D. 5, Sherwood, Oregon, (three miles south of Stafford). 524

# BARGAIN FRIDAY

For our this week "BARGAIN FRIDAY" Sale this store announces the following sensational offerings:

Woman's Raincoats, only a few remaining in brown and green—\$8.50 values for \$5.95	Men's blue, brown and pink underwear, derby-rib bed shirts and drawers, all sizes, special for Friday only .43c
Comforters, best alkaline covered, full size and filled with good clean cotton, special at ..... \$1.23	Ladies' ready to wear Street Hats, prices cut in two, a great line to select from. Special ..... 97c
Blankets, good size, gray or tan, special for Friday only at ..... 58c pair	Ladies' and Men's Dress Shoes—in straight Lace or Blucher, \$2.99 values. Special ..... \$1.48

## I. Selling

### LADIES' BOYS' AND MEN'S COMPLETE OUTFITTERS

## Have You Been Asking Yourself Questions?

Have you been saying over and over to yourself—"What shall it be?" Day after day hundreds of people ask themselves that question, and day after day it goes unanswered.

For no amount of at home imagining will recall to mind even a small portion of the articles that enter into the consideration—and until you have seen OUR stock you will fall far short of knowing the pleasure of choosing from heaped-up values.

**our stock answers all questions**

A visit here will reveal "suitables" to make choosing easy for you. And though Xmas is still three weeks away—it's a pleasurable time to shop—no crowds, ample time, and stocks without a dent in them.

**this Xmas jewelry will be "it"**

again as usual. Each succeeding Christmas makes greater demands upon us. This year we are ready for the "biggest yet." Have more of everything. And while the variety is just about endless, there is also that daintiness, that charm that is part of every well-chosen jewelry stock.

As we hinted—be ahead of the crowd. Glad to give you all the time you ask. Glad to lay aside your selections until the eventful day.

## BURMEISTER and ANDRESEN

Suspension Bridge Corner The Oregon City Jewelers

### IMPROVED LIGHTING AND POWER SERVICE

**PROMISE OF BETTER THINGS FOR OREGON CITY—INSTALLING NEW MOTOR.**

The Portland Railway, Light & Power company, the big corporation that has taken over the Portland General, the Portland street railway, the O. W. P. & Ry. reports that plans are on foot to greatly increase the lighting and power facilities enjoyed by the citizens of Oregon City, so that complaints on this score will soon be a thing of the past.

The company is now installing at Station "B" and expects to have ready for use in a short time, a quantity of new apparatus, including a 500 kilowatt motor generating set for lighting and power purposes at Oregon City.

This improved equipment will give to Oregon City the latest and best type of lighting facilities, equal in every respect to those furnished to Portland.

This installation means radical and immediate improvement in the lighting of this city, says the company, and at the same time furnish adequate provision for power, making it possible to use the new type of induction motors. It will also enable the customers of the company to use electric fans, the new high efficiency units of lighting and all modern electrical appliances and heating devices.

### ROAD TAX REFUND MADE BY COUNTY

Commissioners Order Warrants Drawn For Sixty Per Cent or Total of \$2211.25.

The county court has been in session since Wednesday noon, Judge G. B. Dimick, and Commissioners T. B. Killin and John Lewellen being present. Many routine matters have been disposed of so that the court has advanced rapidly with the tasks before them at this session.

One of the important items before the county court was the refund of 60 per cent of the 1905 road taxes collected within the corporate limits of

the city. The amount collected within the limits is \$3685.41 of which \$2211.25 was allowed as a refund and the county clerk instructed to draw warrants in favor of the city treasurer.

In the matter of the application of residents of district No. 6 for 13 boxes of powder and assistance to amount of \$299.75 which is the total of a voluntary subscription already offered, for planking the Kelso and Oregon City road, the court ordered the list of subscribers filed with the clerk and when the amounts are collected will furnish the assistance necessary.

The application of Henry Gruter and others for reducing the road was turned over to the board of road viewers, as was also the application in regard to the new Oak Grove or W. O. Proctor road which the viewers will locate.

The plat of the Moss Addition to Sellwood was submitted, approved and ordered filed.

Claims against the county were examined, approved and allowed.

#### GREENWOOD NEWS.

Tommy Thomas came from Portland to spend Thanksgiving with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Knowles and family spent Thanksgiving with Mr. Braker and family.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Davies and son of Wardner, Idaho, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Thomas.

Mr. Pease of Mt. Pleasant is putting up the new saw mill for the Greenwood Lumber company. It is expected to run in a week.

Mrs. T. C. Thomas has been sick with rheumatism for several weeks.

The Misses Bessie and May Clark entertained a number of friends in a delightful manner at their home, Saturday night. Music and singing was enjoyed and games were played, after which a delicious supper was served. The latter part of the evening was spent in dancing and taffy pulling. All enjoyed themselves immensely.

#### Long Tennessee Fight.

For twenty years W. L. Rawls, of Bells, Tenn., fought nasal catarrh. He writes: "The swelling and soreness inside my nose was fearful, till I began applying Bucklen's Arnica Salve to the sore surface; this caused the soreness and swelling to disappear, never to return." Best salve in existence. 25 cents at Howell & Jones, druggists.