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TAX LEVY URGED TO BUILD ROADS

RESIDENTS OF MOUNT PLEASANT DISTRICT HOLD ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING.

DIMICK CALLS ATTENTION TO WASTE

Speakers Suggest Improvement Of Thoroughfares To Markets—Land Values Certain To Advance.

More than 100 residents of the Mount Pleasant neighborhood at a meeting held Friday night under the auspices of the East Side Capital Highway Association voted for a resolution providing for a special tax levy to be used in building roads. There was not a dissenting voice, as has been the case in other sections of the county.

The attendance was one of the largest at any of the meetings held by the association, and all present were enthusiastic over the prospect of the county soon having much better thoroughfares. Addresses were made by G. E. Dimick, member of the Capital Highway Commission; Gordon E. Hayes, J. F. Kercheval, George LaZelle, Tom Lindsey, C. Thomas, S. O. Billman, W. E. Young, J. M. Warnock, Grant Crittiser, Lon Phister and William Hedges.

People Must Do Work.

Judge Dimick declared that the best roads in the county were in the Springfield district, where the money had been raised in assessments. He asserted that these roads should furnish an example for the rest of the county.

"The people must depend upon their own resources in building roads," said the speaker. "You cannot expect the county to assist, except to give its district its proportion of the general levy. Good roads bring the markets closer and enhance the value of the land. The only way to build them is to raise the money and go to work. At least one-third of the money has been wasted in building roads in many districts because of inexperience. The dirt roads should be built high in the center with the best possible drainage. Too much pains cannot be taken in building the macadam roads. The common farm travel does not hurt the thoroughfares. It is known that wood wagons in one district did \$10,000 damage in a short period. We should bear in mind that speculators and settlers buy where there are good roads, good schools and the people are prosperous. We should work for the improvement of the thoroughfares to the market centers."

Judge Hayes declares that the way to improve land values was to improve the land and the roads. He said that Clackamas county virtually was in its infancy and it could be built up only through thrift, industry and efficient management.

Hayes Lauds Farmers.

"The farmers are the backbone of the county," declared the speaker. "Much of the work rests with them. Good public schools and good roads will make this one of the greatest counties in any state. Persons who own ten or twenty acre farms within twenty miles of Portland have fortunes in their land. All that is necessary for success is energy intelligently given."

J. F. Kercheval declared that good roads was the most important matter before the people. He said that the average cost of hauling one ton a mile with one team was twenty cents, and that by rail the cost was two cents. Mr. Kercheval explained that prisoners would do the best work in the communities where the people showed the most interest.

The automobiles used to take the crowd from the city to Mount Pleasant were donated by Charles Riley and Waldron & Company. Mr. Riley has donated his machine for use at every meeting, and is aiding the movement for good roads in every way possible.

AUTO RACER KILLED.

SIoux CITY, Ia., Oct. 19.—Billy Pearce, automobile driver, was instantly killed today when his Coby automobile crashed into the fence while he was speeding at Woodland track.

Pearce was practicing for the race meet which opens tomorrow. His home is said to be in Indiana.

EAST NOT READY FOR NORTHWEST WHEAT

A special meeting sent to one of the leading grain houses of Minneapolis by a local party disposes of the report that the East is ready to purchase remaining supplies of Oregon-Washington-Idaho wheat.

According to the message the wheat grown in the Pacific northwest is too soft for use there at the prices quoted for Eastern hard wheat, therefore the value of the Eastern product cannot be judged with the Eastern stock.

The talk of heavy shipments to the East originated by the receipt here of two messages from two houses of Minneapolis, who wanted to purchase 5,000 bushels of the local product. Practically every dealer in this section received the same inquiries. One large operator here offered the Minneapolis operator several hundred thousand bushels on the local price basis, but the Eastern interest came back with an offer several cents less. That disposed of the Eastern business.

PRIZE EXHIBIT IS ON DISPLAY HERE

Secretary Lazelle, of the Publicity Department of the Oregon City Commercial Club, is busy re-arranging the exhibit rooms. The exhibit which won second prize at the State Fair has been installed in the building. All of the products of the county are shown from the hops to the wheat that yields fifty bushels an acre. Besides the many samples of grains and grasses, vegetables and fruit, a large display of preserved fruits and vegetables in jars are on display. The processing was done by O. E. Freytag, who is one of the best "Boasters" in the city.

A pumpkin, weighing one hundred pounds, in causing much comment and the grower, James Lindsey, will bring in another pumpkin next week that will weigh 150 pounds. A. J. Lewis has an apple display that is a credit to any section and shows how perfect Clackamas county apples are in the way of uniformity and color. The building is decorated with grain designs and all Oregon City residents should pay a visit to the Promotion office.

MINISTER JAILED AS GIRL'S SLAYER

YOUNG CAMBRIDGE DIVINE ACCUSED OF POISONING FORMER FIANCEE.

EVIDENCE THAT HE BOUGHT DRUG

Police Keep All-Night Vigil At Place Where Accused Bought—Engaged To Marry Another.

BOSTON, Oct. 26.—A narrow cell in Charles Street Jail tonight holds the Rev. Clarence Virgil Thompson Richey, the young pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Cambridge, who was arrested today for the alleged murder of Avis Linnell, of Hoyalms, Mass., to whom he had been engaged. His commitment to jail this afternoon on a charge of first degree murder, a charge which followed a chain of circumstances which police detectives have followed since the death of Miss Linnell last Saturday by cyanide of potassium poisoning. Miss Linnell, who was nineteen years old and a student at the Conservatory of Music, was found dead in the bathroom of the Young Women's Christian Association home here.

At first the police believed that she had committed suicide but later developments indicated that she had unknowingly taken cyanide of potassium sent her by some other person, in the belief that it would remedy her embarrassing physical condition.

For several days the police inquiry made little progress, but information received late yesterday that Mr. Richey had bought cyanide of potassium from a druggist in Newton led the officials to decide upon his arrest. A dozen officers, headed by Superintendent Watts, were forced to maintain an all-night vigil outside the fashionable home in Brookline of Grant Edmunds where the clergyman had been staying during the last week before Richey was taken into custody.

Frequent calls failed to bring any response from those within the house, and the police, who were without a warrant, were unwilling to make a forcible entrance.

Mr. Edmunds is the father of Miss Violet Edmunds for whose marriage to Mr. Richey, on October 13, cards had been issued. These invitations were recalled today.

\$800,000 OF HOPS SOLD IN ONE DAY

Friday was a record-breaking day for the Oregon hop market. The volume of business done on the Coast was the largest for a single day in the history of the world's hop trade. Purchases of more than 2,000 bales were made in three states, and more than half of these were made in Oregon. The day's sales amounted to \$800,000. Forty cents is offered.

There are large signs on Seventh street, which can be plainly seen by those in automobiles, telling which road to take, and it seems that the man in charge of the car failed to see the sign which was installed early in the season.

HOP GROWERS HOLD OUT FOR ADVANCE

The activity reported in the hop market Friday was repeated on a smaller scale Saturday, but thus far prices have not advanced beyond 41 to 41 1/2c for special lots, while the general market remains at 40c. Further purchases of 10-day options at 45c are reported but growers, frightened by the sharp advance in price, are holding tight.

CHINESE REBELS RAISE \$700,000

AMERICAN ORIENTALS RALLYING FAST TO SUPPORT OF INSURRECTION.

SAN FRANCISCO HEADS MOVEMENT

New York and Other Cities Give Assistance To Plan That Would Shatter Power of Dynasty

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 21, (Special).—Working like beavers for the success of the revolt against the Manchu dynasty, Chinese revolutionary leaders here have, they declare, collected more than \$700,000 in the United States, with which to aid their brethren throw off the yoke of the alien Tartar house which for centuries has ruled in Peking.

"We have not only raised money," said Tong King Chong, secretary of the revolutionary committee in the United States, today, "but many of the guns now roaring for freedom along the Yangtze Kiang were bought with American dollars contributed by the Chinese in San Francisco, and now directed into headquarters in 'Spofford Alley.' In all San Francisco, New York, Chicago, Boston and other American cities nearly \$750,000 has been raised. For years the Chinese in America have seen freedom. They want freedom in China. They are giving their money and if it becomes necessary, they will cross the Pacific themselves to shoulder a gun."

From secret sources to the revolutionary committee are coming daily dispatches which will repay the contributors to the national fund for freedom. At the start of the revolutionary doubts of success were freely expressed but today all is confidence in Chinatown and in its narrow alleys crowds throng to read the queer twisted characters of the chattering revolutionaries, and even, occasionally, break into what is very nearly an American cheer.

There probably is more animated interest in the Chinese revolution by the people of San Francisco than anywhere else in the United States. Estimates of the number of Chinese here vary from \$600 to 15,000. Pictographs Chinatown, with its singular temple bells, quaint priests, peculiar marts of oriental trades people, its pantalooned, small-footed women and shy, gaudily dressed children, is all aglow over the news of the battle. China's civil war has aroused the Asiatics from sluggish, sleepy-eyed quietude to rabid, Occidental excitement.

TWO HURT AS AUTO CRASHES INTO BUGGY

A serious accident occurred on Sunday evening about 8 o'clock when Henry Brandt had Albert Mautz were driving down Seventh street, when they were met near the Estes store by an automobile, which was filled with passengers, who were bound for Moir's where the owner of the machine resided. The automobile, it seems, was on the wrong side of the road, and as the horse driven by the two men was turned to keep clear of the automobile, which was fast bearing on them the machine ran into the horse and buggy. The buggy wheels struck the lamps of the machine, badly damaging one, and demolishing the buggy. The tires were torn loose from the buggy wheels, the dash board demolished and the buggy presenting a sad looking affair. The horse, as soon struck by the automobile, ran away and near the foot of the hill slipped and fell, but was caught and taken to the Nash livery barn and it was found to be badly bruised.

Mautz and Brandt were thrown from the buggy, the former having his knee injured and the latter sustained an injury to his hip and ankle. After the accident the man driving the automobile asked if anyone was hurt, but did not take long to get out of the way, but Mautz has the number of the machine for future reference. Mr. Brandt was unable to attend to his duties at the Jack & Albright store, and it will be several days before he will be able to get out.

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MRS. BROWN TO VISIT OLD HOME.

Mrs. A. S. Brown and youngest son, Geary, of Clackamas Heights, left Tuesday for Grinnell, Iowa, where they will visit her mother and sister, whom she had not seen for more than twenty-five years. Mrs. Brown and her son will remain for some time in the East. The little boy, who has been drummer boy at the Parkside school for the past four years, will be missed by his associates when the time comes to take up his duties as drummer.

DAKOTA MAN BUYS FARM.

W. C. Elliott, formerly of South Dakota, has purchased a farm near Willamette. His family arrived here a few days ago, and Monday he purchased furniture for his home at a big Oregon City house-furnishing establishment.

EXHIBIT PLANNED FOR BIG APPLE SHOW

The Publicity Committee of the Commercial Club is meeting Monday afternoon discussing plans for an exhibit at the Spokane Apple Show. No decision was reached, but it is probable that an exhibit will be arranged. The display of Clackamas County at the exhibition last year was one of the features. The committee also is thinking of having a display at the Portland Apple Show. It was decided to keep the Promotion Building lighted at night for several weeks, and it is probable that Secretary Lazelle will be present in the evenings to explain the exhibits to visitors.

COURTHOUSE TO BE LIKE NEW BUILDING

OFFICES ENLARGED AND BIG ADDITION IS BEING ERRECTED IN REAR.

BOTH COURTROOMS ON SECOND FLOOR

Tower Repaired And Partitions Have Been Changed—Sherrif To Have Much Larger Office.

The work of remodeling and building an addition to the Clackamas county court house is progressing rapidly, and Clarence Simmons, who is in charge, says it will be completed by January 1. New partitions have been made on the second floor so as to give additional space to all the departments. The old circuit court room space has been utilized for offices, and the new court room will be on the second floor of the addition. The new court room which has been moved to the second floor will be used by the circuit court until the new building is ready.

County Judge Beattie will have a private and public office adjoining the court room. The county surveyor will have two rooms, a new grand jury room will be provided and the district attorney and circuit judges will have private offices.

The sheriff's office on the ground floor will occupy the space formerly used by this department and the county clerk, and the county clerk's office will be where the old county court room and the county judge's office were. There will be no change in the treasurer's and assessor's offices. The recorder will have the present office and a part of the ground floor of the addition. A large vault for use by the recorder and county clerk is being built in the addition. The sheriff will use the old vault.

It is estimated that the work will cost about \$14,000. Most of the plastering has been done on the second floor of the old building, and all of the exterior has been painted.

WILLAMETTE VALLEY HAS OMAHA EXHIBIT

The "live wires" of the four great Willamette Valley counties: Benton, Marion, Linn and Lane, through the cooperative efforts of the county courts and commercial clubs in Corvallis, Salem, Albany and Eugene, will have exhibits of varied commercial products of the Willamette Valley that has never been assembled, at the Omaha Land Show which opened Tuesday.

The officials of the Southern Pacific system have taken a very active interest in this enterprise and already the exhibit has been sent to Omaha. The car is packed with a really remarkable collection of horticultural and agricultural exhibits. The exhibits include fruits, preserved and fresh cereals, hops, wool and the manufactured articles.

One space, 48 feet in length and 15 feet in width, on a prominent aisle of the great Coliseum at Omaha, will be packed with exhibits from Benton, Linn and Lane counties. Supplementing this will be an annex devoted to Marion county, which will occupy a separate space about forty feet in width and in which will be displayed the animated panorama that was shown at the State Fair.

This panorama, which attracted a great deal of attention at the State Fair, is the work of George L. Schryver, who will be in charge of this section. With three assistants, he is at work installing this panorama at the land show.

W. F. Groves, of Corvallis, whose clever arrangement of the displays of Benton county at the State Fair won many encomiums, is designing and consolidating the exhibits of the counties. These will be surmounted by a large sign reading "Famous Willamette Valley, Oregon," and followed by the names of the counties represented. Lectures, illustrated by illuminated transparencies and pictures, will be given twice daily in the lecture dormitory on the wonders and beauties of the Willamette Valley and the opportunities for home-seekers will be exploited. The work is in charge of B. C. Freeman, manager of the Eugene Commercial Club, who worked up the consolidated exhibit plan, and J. C. Holbrook, of Albany.

Towards the expenses of the exhibit A. F. Hofer, secretary of the Salem Board of Trade, succeeded in getting the county court of Marion county to make an appropriation. The Linn county court appropriated a substantial sum, as did the Lane county court.

BIRDMAKER DIES IN RECKLESS DIP

"LOST CONTROL," HE GASPS AS HE IS TAKEN FROM WRECKED MACHINE.

HEERS OF CROWD END IN GLOOM

First Aviator To Land On Warship Is Victim Of Attempt To Thrill Audience—Fall Only Fifty Feet.

MACON, Gr., Oct. 19.—Eugene Ely, aviator, met death at the State Fair Grounds today when the machine failed to rise from a sensational dip and plunged with him fifty feet to the ground. He fell in the field of the race track, after almost clearing the machine by a desperate leap when he realized his peril. Bones were broken in a score of places.

Ely died a few minutes later, regaining consciousness just before the end long enough to mutter: "I lost control. I know I am going to die."

Ely made a flight this morning, ascending 3,100 feet. At 2:45 o'clock he began his second flight, rising gracefully from the track enclosure, which he circled at the rate of thirty miles an hour. As he was completing the circles he made a dip, seemingly to startle the thousands beneath him. The machine shot down with tremendous velocity, and the crowd applauded, thinking the aviator would rise, as he had done many times before, but Ely seemed to lose his grip on the lever and the machine continued its downward plunge.

He attempted to rise from his seat. Releasing the lever altogether, he half jumped, barely clearing the monoplane as it crashed to the ground. The machine was demolished, and Ely struck with terrific force. He died shortly after reaching the hospital.

Ely, a native of Iowa, left his wife in New York two weeks ago to come to Macon to give a series of flights for the State Fair. He had been giving spectacular flights here for eight days, going up on one occasion in a rain storm.

Ely offered today to make a flight by night, painting his craft with phosphorus "so as to startle the natives," he told the fair directors. The offer was declined because he wanted \$1,000. Ely was the first flyer to land on a warship.

NEW YORK CITY GIRL SEEKS HUSBAND HERE

While Postmaster Randall does not consider himself a marriage bureau he is willing to do all he can to help out Dan Cupid. The postmaster made public a letter Monday which he had received from a girl in New York City, who is tired of single life, and thinks there may be a man in Oregon City tired of the same thing. Her letter follows:

"I am a young lady of twenty-one, with fair complexion. Am looking for a nice young man. Would be glad to hear from him soon. I am, 'MARGUERITE BRITT, '1524 Madison Ave., New York City.'"

MOJILLA COUPLE MARRIED HERE.

Miss Rova Beck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Beck, well known and highly esteemed residents of Molalla, and John Comer, of Molalla, were married in this city Sunday at the court house, Judge Beattie officiating. After the marriage the young couple left for their home at Molalla.

CARL BURGOWNE IS SHOT WHILE HUNTING

Carl Burgoyne, son of John Burgoyne, of New Era, and brother of Herman Burgoyne, of this city, was shot and seriously wounded while hunting with three companions near New Era Friday afternoon. The young men were sitting on a log when Burgoyne's gun was discharged, the shot tearing the muscles of his left shoulder. He was taken to the home of Joseph Hoffman, where he was attended by Dr. Mount. His father, brothers and sister joined him soon after the accident. The young man is employed in the Southern Pacific railroad office in Portland.

SUES FRIDAY; IS DIVORCED SATURDAY

Martha L. Weismandel filed suit for divorce Friday, through Attorneys Brownell and Stone, from John Z. Weismandel, and was granted the decree Saturday morning. They were married June 15, 1904, in Oregon City, the plaintiff alleged that her husband threatened her life and was cruel to her on various occasions. Her maiden name, Martha L. Rider, was restored to her.

Three Couples Granted Licenses. Marriage licenses were issued Saturday to Maudie Matthews and Emil Carlson; Edna Mabel Rogers and Franklin J. Besmer and Ethel Gard and Frank Magel.

AUTOMOBILE BIG AID IN HUNTING RABBITS

Lloyd Williams, Edward Rechner and Charles Ely, of this city, went to Molalla Wednesday evening, and from there they accompanied W. O. Vaughan and Sim Lindsey, of Canby, in the Vaughan automobile on a rabbit hunt. These men have a new scheme in chasing the rabbits, and do not use the dogs as is customary. The lights of the automobile are used as a means of putting the men on the track. When the rabbits see the glaring light of the machine they run across the road in front and the men shoot them. Sim Lindsey was the champion of the evening, and shot more rabbits than the rest. Although the party remained out but a few hours they shot fourteen jack rabbits and one Cotton Tail rabbit.

A movement is on foot now to organize a rabbit club and has started with five charter members. Those wishing to become members may communicate with Sim Lindsey, Canby, care of the race track. There has been some complaint in the way the rabbits have multiplied within the past few years at Molalla, and it is planned to have them thinned out.

DYNAMITE THEORY NOT JUROR BAN

MAN WHO THINKS TIMES BUILT—ING DESTROYED BY EXPLOSIVE RETAINED.

DEFENSE LOSES IMPORTANT POINT

Judge Holds That Juror Can Be Fair, Despite Belief—Five Talemens Excused In Los Angeles Case.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 23.—Legal machinery in the McNamara murder trial revolved to such effect today that at the close of court a problem which had bothered everybody concerned since the first day of the trial was solved, in the opinion of counsel and five talemens were excused for various reasons. The jury box was filled up again and only ten men of the original venire of 125 were left outside.

By denying a challenge of the defense against Talemans George W. McKee, based on the ground that while McKee had no prejudice against James B. McNamara, the talemans believed the Los Angeles Times was blown up by dynamite, Judge Bordwell upset a cherished contention by the defense.

The ruling was based on the court's belief that in spite of McKee's opinion he could and would be a fair and impartial juror. Of this the court is the sole judge.

It was the position of the defense under Attorney Clarence S. Darrow that an opinion such as McKee's held by James B. McNamara, the talemans believed the Los Angeles Times was blown up by dynamite, Judge Bordwell upset a cherished contention by the defense.

Whether other jurors of McKee's frame of mind would be disqualified depended, the court pointed out, upon the individual instances and not upon any general ruling.

The defense held that under its contention that the Times explosion was caused by gas, a man ought to believe that theory or none at all to be an impartial juror, and after the court had announced his ruling, McNamara's counsel still argued earnestly against it.

Judge Bordwell's ruling, essentially, was as follows:

"Juror McKee testified that he had a definite opinion as to the cause of the explosion and that it would require evidence to remove that opinion. He has, however, stated positively that notwithstanding that opinion, which, as he explained, was formed entirely from reading statements in the public journals and public rumor and no society, he could act as a juror in this case impartially and fairly upon the matters to be submitted to him.

"I do not think the court is bound by the mere statement of a prospective juror that he could so act. It is a question of fact for the court to determine. But if the court is satisfied either from the juror's statement or the circumstances which are available that he can act thus fairly and impartially, the court has no discretion, but must allow that the juror is qualified."

SEASON ENDS WITH PORTLAND IN FRONT

Portland closed its schedule for the year by taking a double defeat at the hands of the seals. In the first game the Beavers were swamped by a score of 10 to 1. The second game was a farcical affair, though it was played in record time, one hour and eight minutes. Young, a California busher, hurled for the Beavers in the second game, and though he allowed 11 hits, he would have won if his teammates hadn't made nine errors behind him. The clubs finished as follows:

W.	L.	P.C.	
Portland	115	79	.529
Vernon	118	88	.572
Oakland	111	99	.528
Sacramento	95	109	.464
San Francisco	95	112	.459
Los Angeles	82	127	.392

COMMITTEE NAMED TO REVISE CHARTER

MAYOR BROWNELL UPHELD IN PLAN TO TRY COMMISSION FORM OF GOVERNMENT.

COUNCIL UNANIMOUS IN SUPPORT

Stipp, Stevens, Schuebel, Harding, Andresen, Holman And Toose Named—Meet Next Thursday.

The city council, at a meeting Friday night, by a unanimous vote adopted the suggestion of Mayor Brownell that a committee of seven be appointed to revise the city charter to provide for a commission form of government. The following men suggested for membership by the mayor were unanimously approved by the council: L. V. Stipp, H. C. Stevens, C. Schuebel, A. L. Holman, F. J. Toose, George A. Harding and William Andresen.

A meeting of the commission has been called for next Thursday evening at the office of Mr. Stipp when an organization will be effected and the work started. A feature of the meeting was the unanimity of sentiment regarding giving the proposed change a trial among the members of the council and the citizens present.

Mayor Outlines Plan. In bringing the matter before the council Mayor Brownell said that there had been more or less dissatisfaction with the present charter and it was believed that with a commission form of government better results could be obtained. He declared that the plan had been successful wherever it had been tried, and he was confident it would be so in this city. Mayor Brownell was one of the first to suggest a commission form of government here, and he has been active in getting the matter before the public.

"I feel confident that the commission form would be a success here," said George Randall who was invited to give his views. "While the government is satisfactory at present we should not overlook an opportunity to improve it."

"The charter has many excellent features now," said F. J. Toose, "but improvements can be made. Other cities find the commission form of government satisfactory, and I think it would prove so here. We should have a means of saving every dollar possible to the taxpayers. Everything that is good in the old charter should be retained in the revised one. The people should have a chance to study the charter before they are called upon to vote upon it."

Stevens Favors Change. H. C. Stevens said that he favored the commission form of government and that the charter should be revised as soon as possible. He opposed a plan suggested by Councilman Michels that the matter of naming a committee to revise the charter be voted upon at the coming election, declaring that it would be confusing.

J. W. Moffatt said that the water board and county court furnished an illustration of what could be expected of a commission form of government. He thought the present government a good one, but was willing that the other be tried. W. A. Shewman suggested that one man be put in charge and held responsible. His idea was to provide a government similar to the boards of directors of corporations, to make the chairman of the board, so to speak, the responsible head.

After the names had been submitted and approved Mayor Brownell said that mass meetings could be held, and the proposed charter thoroughly discussed before the special election which will be called to vote upon it. The mayor also promised that the revised instrument would be published in the newspapers so the voters could make a study of it. The motions that the suggestion of the mayor be adopted and the names submitted by him be approved were made by Councilman Meyer. The following members of the board were present: Burke, Roake, Andresen, Meyer, Michels, Pope and Holman. The absentees were Strickland and Hall both of whom, it is understood, are favorable to giving the commission form a trial. Best Men Named.

Mayor Brownell said after the meeting that he was delighted that the council had passed upon his suggestion unanimously and had taken so kindly to the plan. It was generally agreed that he could not name a better man on the commission.

A remonstrance, which it was said was signed by eighty per cent of the taxpayers on Monroe street, against improving the street from Third to Fourteenth at the present time was received. It was held that the remonstrance should have been presented earlier and before the contract for the work was let. H. E. Cross spoke against building the street, this winter, and F. J. Toose urged that the work be started at once. Mr. Cross gave notice that he would fight to the last taking of earth from the street in front of his property for use in building up the grade elsewhere. He said he would need the earth to fill several lots. Mr. Toose said that he had been misrepresented by persons wanting the work delayed. He declared that the city would be liable for damages to the contractor if the contract were broken. Mr. Toose called attention to many of the property owners who had not signed the remonstrance, and questioned the statement that eighty per cent had signed it. He and Mr. Cross had several verbal talks, but the best of feeling was maintained by both.

The council approved an eight mill levy, the same as last year, for the street improvement fund. An ordinance providing for the improvement of Fourteenth street, between Main and Washington, was passed.