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BUSINESS MANAGER PROPOSED FOR CITY

MAYOR AUTHORIZED TO DRAFT ORDINANCE EMBODYING SUGGESTION.

PLAN FOR CITY HALL DISCUSSED

Attention is Called to Danger of Destruction of City Records Worth Thousands of Dollars.

Mayor Dimick and the Finance Committee of the City Council at the meeting Wednesday night were instructed to draft an ordinance providing a business manager for Oregon City. The Mayor made the suggestion that the city have a business manager, and it was agreed that the matter should be given consideration. It was thought that could best be done by the introduction of an ordinance making the provision.

Attention was called to the fact that the city did not have a vault for its records, and that they were in danger of being destroyed at any time, by Councilman Meyer. He thought that it was about time the city should begin considering building a new City Hall or making some provision for taking care of the records. Mayor Dimick said a lot might be purchased and a fireproof building erected. He thought that the city hall might occupy a part of the building adding that a score of souls might be destroyed at any time in the present city hall.

"The records are worth thousands of dollars to the city," said the Mayor, "and they are being preserved in a room where they are accumulating rapidly and there was no safe place to keep them."

Recorder Stipp announced that the records were accumulating rapidly and there was no safe place to keep them.

Toose made a motion that a committee of three be appointed to obtain a safe place for keeping the records and the Mayor appointed on the committee Toose, Beard and Holman.

George Randall suggested that the ordinance against spitting on the streets be more rigorously enforced, and Gordon E. Hayes, city engineer, said that his dogs home at night. The Mayor and Council agreed with both of the statements.

The semi-annual report of the Water Commission was referred to the Finance Committee and ordered published. The Finance Committee reported that the city engineer were in good condition and that the office was admirably conducted. It was suggested in the report, which was adopted, that the services of the city engineer would not be needed continuously after certain work was completed, and that he be assigned to duty only when his services were needed.

Street assessments on several pieces of property were reduced. F. F. Curran was granted a license to conduct a pool and billiard hall in Mountain View.

An ordinance providing for the assessments for the street work on Water street between Sixth and Seventh streets, was passed. The cost of the work was \$1,071.55. An ordinance providing for assessments for sewer district No. 9 also was passed. The cost is \$8,926. Approval was also given to the ordinance fixing the assessments for the improvement of the Washington street from Seventh street to the Abornethy Bridge.

Meyer announced that the supply of crushed rock on hand for repairing streets had almost been exhausted, and suggested that an ordinance be passed providing for more. It was the unanimous opinion of the members that the best rock and gravel should be obtained. The motion was referred to the committee on streets to report at the next regular meeting.

Toose made a motion that signal lights and telephones be supplied for the hill policeman so he could give more efficient service. The motion was referred to a committee composed of Toose Meyer and Pope.

A motion that the Madison street bridge be strengthened was referred to the committee on streets and city engineer for investigation.

In making the suggestion that a business manager be employed for the city, Mayor Dimick said:

"I think that the city should try the plan of having a business manager for three or six months. The office could be provided by ordinance. I am not in favor of spending any more money, or in spending money uselessly, but I think a man like Fred Greenman, for instance, as business manager, could save the city a great deal of money. All accounts, street work, etc., should be checked. Every city, so far as I know, that has tried the plan, has found it a success and a great saving to the municipality."

Upon motion of Beard it was ordered that an ordinance providing for a business manager be drafted. The proposition will be given consideration when the ordinance is presented.

PUPILS TAUGHT TO AID PARENTS

CHILDREN GIVEN CREDITS FOR HOME WORK BY POLK COUNTY TEACHER.

GARY DESCRIBES UNIQUE SCHOOL

Boys And Girls Do Chores Now That They Never Thought Of Doing Before Plan Was Started.

Superintendent of County Schools Gary recently visited a unique school at Spring Valley, Polk county and has written the following article about it for the Morning Enterprise:

On last Saturday seventeen County School Superintendents and the Superintendent of Public Instruction drove through the wind and rain to Spring Valley, Polk county, to attend a Parent-Teachers' meeting. Why? Because we had heard much of a new plan that was being tried out by the teacher-pupils and parents of a school in that beautiful valley. Did we go because it was a new plan? No, if we should try to investigate every new plan we would be going all the time. We went because we thought it was a suggestion, at least, of a solution of two very important problems, "How to bring the home and the school into closer relation" and "How to make the boys and the girls in the country love their homes."

We arrived at the Spring Valley school at 10:30 a. m. and observed first a board walk from the road to the school house door and a well-kept school yard free from all rubbish such as sticks, pieces of paper, etc.

Upon entering the room we observed that the directors had made provision for the proper heating, lighting and ventilation of the school room. On the walls were three nicely framed pictures, "The Sistine Madonna," "The Christ," and "The Lions." All beautiful reproductions of celebrated works of art. The building was a modest one, much like the many school buildings we find through the country, but there was about it that which said plainer than words can say it, "this is a well ordered school."

Looking to the right we saw on a partition wall, on the floor, and on the side wall a variety of articles, aprons, dresses, dollies, hand bags, handkerchiefs, kites, traps, bird houses, and various other things made by the boys and girls of the school.

At the left in the other corner of the room were loaves of bread, pies, cakes, tarts, doughnuts and other tempting things prepared by the girls and boys. The writer sampled various edibles, among them a cake baked by Master Zinser, son of our ex-superintendent, J. C. Zinser. I can cheerfully say that it was the kind of cake that makes a man want more.

These things were all of interest to us, but the one thing we were most curious to know about was the system the teacher had of giving credits

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JURY FAILS TO AGREE IN ARMSTRONG CASE

The jury in the case of A. A. Armstrong, accused of criminally attacking Francis Dwigins, twelve years of age, failed to agree, and the defendant was remanded to jail. It was reported that the jury stood nine to three in favor of conviction. Gordon E. Hayes, attorney for the defendant, will apply for bail for his client today.

RANCHER FOUND GUILTY OF CRIMINAL ATTACK

William Hardin, a well-to-do rancher of the Bull Run district was found guilty of criminal attack on his stepdaughter, Eva Phelps, now Mrs. Eva Woods, by a jury in Judge Campbell's court late Friday night. The case had been on trial three days. Mrs. Woods testified against the defendant and her mother testified in his behalf. The attack is said to have been made three years ago. Hardin denied the charge and blamed the husband of his stepdaughter for the prosecution. He was represented by Mayor Dimick, Q. L. Matthews and M. Moorehead. District Attorney Tongue, Assistant District Attorney Stipp and C. M. Idleman prosecuted the case. The extreme penalty for the crime is twenty years in the penitentiary.

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HILL MEN HERE SEEKING RAILWAY

FREQUENT VISITS TO CITY THOUGHT TO MEAN CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP.

LARGE PURCHASES IN PORTLAND

Portland Railway, Light & Power Company Likely To Change Hands — Terminals Bought.

The report that the Hill interests have purchased the O. W. P. and are negotiating for the entire Portland properties in and about Portland is strengthened by the fact that President B. S. Josselyn of the P. R. L. & P. Company is known to have been in frequent consultation with the representatives of a large financial interest during the past few months. This man has spent much time in Portland during that period and he and Mr. Josselyn and occasionally other representatives of the interests he represents, have made frequent trips over the O. W. P. line in Mr. Josselyn's private car. They have been to Oregon City several times to inspect the power plant on the West Side. Employees of the road say that special parties have been taken out over the lines in the Josselyn car more frequently during the past few months than ever before in the history of the road.

J. J. Hill is known to have the greatest confidence in the future of Portland, and to be a firm believer in the statement frequently made by John F. Stevens, when he was head of the Hill lines in Oregon—that Portland is destined to be the greatest city on the Pacific Coast. Every action of Mr. Hill has demonstrated his great confidence in the future of Portland and Oregon. The building of the North Bank road, the Oregon Trunk, the purchase of the Oregon Electric and the United Railways properties have all indicated his belief in the future growth of Oregon.

In connection with Hill's ownership of the Oregon Electric and the United Railways, it is significant that neither of those companies has its own power resources, but both are dependent upon the power plants of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company at Oregon City, and on the Clackamas. The purchase of the Portland Railway, Light & Power properties would assure the Hill electric lines their own power and would be in line with Mr. Hill's policy.

It is recognized by all railroadmen that the O. W. P. property is the best and most available terminal proposition in Portland, and taken in connection with the Inman-Poulsen mill site, adjoining the freight yards south of Hawthorne bridge, is an ideal terminal for a large rail line. The lines follow the Willamette river to Oregon City, run up the Clackamas to Cazadero, and cut across the country to Fairview on the Columbia river and to a connection with the main line of the O. W. R. & N. Company.

It is known that within the past year complete examinations of the O. W. P. properties have been made by both the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and the Harriman lines. While it has generally been believed that the Milwaukee was examining the property and would take it if it could be secured at a satisfactory figure, it will be news to most people that the Harriman lines have recently been looking the O. W. P. over with a view to buying. If the rumor that Hill has secured the O. W. P. is correct, as there is good reason for believing it to be, it is evident that the Hill interests, working presumably by behalf of the Great Northern and Burlington have seen the necessity for forestalling their old rivals and have again beaten the Harriman lines in the exciting railroad games.

Ida C. Bonner was granted a divorce Tuesday by Judge Campbell from W. A. Bonner, a mill worker. The plaintiff was awarded a decree in 1907, but December 21, 1908, re-married her former husband. She was represented by George C. Brownell and William Stone and her husband was represented by J. E. Hedgus. Cruelty was charged. The defendant was given a lien for \$300 on property in question.

Irene Boniface was granted a divorce from Sidney Edward Boniface, the plaintiff being awarded the custody of their two children. Her maiden name, Irene Dyer, was restored.

J. Grace Hardy was awarded a decree from Walter E. Hardy, and her maiden name, Grace Hitchings, was restored.

Gensaku Somekawa was granted a divorce from Izumi Somekawa.

PLANS BUILDING BIG HOTEL HERE

LIVE WIRES HEAR THAT RICH PORTLAND MAN WILL ERECT HOSTELRY.

M'BAIN IS ELECTED MAIN TRUNK

Dr. Mount Put In Charge of "Eats" Gracefully Withdraws From Head of Garbage Committee.

The County Court Friday fixed the county levy at seventeen and one-half mills. The levy was fifteen mills last year. It was announced by the court that the increase was due to the increase in the school and state tax levies. On the same basis as last year the levy this year would have been fourteen and nine-tenths mills. Under the state tax levy last year the county had to pay \$46,000 and this year it will have to pay \$105,000. Last year the amount that went to the schools and libraries was \$72,000 and this year that amount will be \$88,200, or a 24 mill assessment. The levy for the county this year is 1.9 mills and for the roads 8 mills.

The court began the selection of officers for the April primaries Friday afternoon and will finish the work today.

An act of the Legislature required the court to raise \$8 per capita for school children instead of \$7 as heretofore. The census taken in this county recently shows a large increase in the number of children of school age, and this in connection with the salaries of the school supervisors required an increase in the school levy.

OREGON EXPRESS ROBBED BY BANDITS

REDDING, Cal. Jan. 5.—The North-bound Oregon Express of the Northern Pacific, which left San Francisco at 8:20 last night, was robbed of a large quantity of registered mail by two unmarked men early today. Entrance to the mail car was forced and mail clerks were bound and gagged and five pouches of registered mail were taken from the train. The mail was rifled. When the train drew into the station here at 6:40, the robbers dropped off and escaped. A good description of them was obtained, however, and the officials think that they will soon be captured.

Mail sacks had been exchanged at Red Bluff, and one of the clerks was about to leave the car to wait for a train that was following, when the two bandits bounded into the mail car and closed the door.

"What's up?" exclaimed Charles J. Rhein, formerly of Portland, one of the clerks.

"This is a hold-up," coolly responded one of the men, drawing a revolver and covering the startled trio. Rhein and Robert B. Warner, both of whom reside in Berkeley, and their assistant, were bound by the second bandit with cords from mail pouches. All were then gagged with handkerchiefs and thrown flat on their backs. The robbers then proceeded leisurely to loot the mail sacks.

At Cottonwood, seventeen miles north of Red Bluff the train stopped, and the bandits, without arousing the suspicion of the station agent, acted as clerks in exchanging mail. At Anthon, five miles farther on, a similar exchange was made without attracting attention.

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17.5 IS TAX LEVY MADE FOR COUNTY

LARGER SCHOOL AND STATE TAXES ARE GIVEN AS CAUSE OF INCREASE.

LAWBOOK UNDER ARM SAVES HIM

A. E. Clark Conscious of Man Following Him All Day—Went To Salem To Probe Case.

Salem, Or., Jan. 9.—A. E. Clark, Portland attorney and special prosecutor in the Louis J. Wilde case, was shot at twice and wounded under the arm by an unidentified assassin about midnight last night.

A law book and a bundle of papers, which Mr. Clark was carrying under his arm saved his life as one of the bullets struck them and lodged in them, and but for the heavy shield of documents might have killed him instantly.

Mr. Clark came from Portland to Salem yesterday to work out in the state law library some involved points in the Louis J. Wilde case. He worked till midnight. When he emerged it was raining and he drew his law book and documents closely under his arm.

He walked down Central Park path through Wilson Park until he was almost at the handstand where the paths separate, one going to State street, the other to Court street. His destination was the Marion hotel.

He had just swung to the left to take the state street path when a shot came from under the nearby trees. It pierced his arm and he involuntarily swung around.

As he turned the second shot came. It struck the bundle he was carrying, pierced it some distance and lodged. The bullet was recovered. It was from a 25-calibre automatic revolver.

Mr. Clark then saw a man running away, but confused by the suddenness of the affair and the shock of being struck, did not follow him. He was able to proceed to the police station and relate the details, after which he went with a policeman to the office of Dr. Clay, where the wound was dressed. From there he went to the Marion hotel.

An X-ray picture was taken this morning. The bullet pierced the muscle of the lower part of the left arm and touched the bone on the underside. The picture did not show any damage to the bone, and unless it proves to have been slightly splintered, no complications are expected.

Mr. Clark says he came to Salem yesterday with a consciousness that he was being followed. He told officials at the statehouse that several pluguglies and detectives had been shadowing him and that two had trailed him to Salem. This forenoon he said he did not wish to be quoted as accusing anyone and declined to make any direct statement of his suspicions.

2 HELD ON CHARGE OF STEALING WATCH

Tom Maloney and George Henry, charged with robbery, were held over to the grand jury in bonds of \$250 each by Justice of the Peace Samson Thursday. The men are accused of having stolen a watch from Frank Rhoads at the corner of Sixth and Main streets. They were arrested by Policeman Green. Rhoads said that he was approached by the men who asked him the time. When he took his watch from his pocket they seized it, he declares. The watch was recovered.

MAPLE LANE GRANGE INSTALLS OFFICERS

Maple Lane Grange No. 296 met at the hall Saturday, and at noon a dinner was served. There was a good attendance. A short program was given after the roll call, each one answering the general discussion, "Do You Object to Telling Your Age and Why?" This proved a most exciting as well as interesting discussion. W. D. Dimick led in the discussion, and he was followed by William Beard.

The following officers were installed: Master, John Lewellen; lecturer, A. J. Lewis; steward, Mrs. William Beard; overseer, Mrs. O. H. Swallow; chaplain, Mrs. A. Mautz; secretary, Mrs. S. A. Gillette; gatekeeper, William Beard; Ceres, Miss Emma Derrick; Pomona, Mrs. J. Luellen; Flora, Miss Emma Moran; lady assistant steward, Mrs. Belle Pagenkopf.

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PROSECUTOR OF WILDE WOUNDED

LAWYER SHOT BY UNIDENTIFIED MAN WHILE LEAVING STATEHOUSE.

BIDS TO BE ASKED FOR WATER BONDS

Officials Recently Elected Qualify And Council Committees Are Named—Chief Not Chosen.

The members of the new city administration of Gladstone qualified at a meeting of the City Council Tuesday evening. The officials are H. E. Cross, Mayor; J. N. Stevens, Recorder, and J. C. Paddock, treasurer. The council is composed of Chambers Howell, James Wilkinson, C. A. Williams, C. W. Parrish, Frank F. Nelson, Frank Hammerle. Mayor Cross announced that he would make his appointments of Chief of Police and Street Commissioner at the next meeting.

He appointed the following council committees: Finance, Howell, Wilkinson, Williams; Streets and Public Fire and Water, Williams, Howell, Property, Parrish, Nelson, Wilkinson, Hammerle; Health and Police, Nelson, Hammerle, Parrish; Cemetery, Williams, Wilkinson, Nelson.

The Mayor in his message called attention to the \$20,000 issue provided by a vote of the people, and it was decided to ask for bids at once.

Mayor Cross' message to the Council follows:

In assuming the duties of Mayor of Gladstone for the ensuing term, a few suggestions may be pertinent at this time.

Our election and continuance in office can only be justified on the ground of good work, carefully thought out, economically done within our means and all in the interest of the people of the city.

Along these general lines there may be room for honest discussion and difference of opinion, but in the end, with open minds, and all the facts before us, right action should result.

I now refer to the following matters of more than passing interest which should engage the careful attention of this council:

First—The water works. An issue of \$20,000 of water bonds has been provided by the vote of the people when our present charter was adopted; an engineer to be employed by the last council; plans and specifications made and bids sought for the installation of a water system suitable for our growing city. Up to date the bids have not been satisfactory to the retiring council and no contract has been let and the whole subject matter is in our hands for final disposition.

Without seeking to dictate the policy of the council, I wish to emphasize the importance of selling our bonds first and providing the cash before we let the contract.

We have already been offered 95 cents on the dollar for these bonds, and I am fully persuaded they are worth par. A vigorous effort ought to be made by the council to dispose of them at that figure. A full thousand dollars is worth saving. Since the water works were not constructed last season during low water, the question is submitted, whether we ought to run the risk of the increased cost incident to winter construction.

Especially is this thought applicable to the excavation at the river and erection of pump station.

I have made sufficient investigation to assure you that we can install the plant within our bond issue, providing due care is observed on our part and proper economy exercised.

I am strenuously in favor of the construction and completion of the water system at the earliest possible moment, consistent with business sense, and at all hazards this present year.

Second—A petition is on file for the improvement of Portland avenue, and a street grade therefor has been established. No plan, however, has been suggested or adopted, which has come to my knowledge, providing for the disposition of the storm water which accumulates each winter and which now finds an outlet over Portland avenue, through an open ditch to the river.

I suggest the propriety of first establishing a sewer district of all that portion of Gladstone lying east of Portland avenue, and laying a trunk line sewer from the river northward on Portland avenue, at least as far as Dartmouth street, thence up Dartmouth street to accommodate the church and school house if thought desirable, before the improvement of Portland avenue is undertaken. An assessment, according to benefits of such a large territory, would reduce the expense per lot to a very low figure.

With this storm water provided for I am in favor of the improvement of Portland avenue as soon as the council

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GLADSTONE FIGHTS FOR LOWER FARES

MAYOR CROSS, IN MESSAGE, SAYS CITY HAS BEEN UNFAIRLY TREATED.

LIVE WIRE LEADERS

Trunk Line—B. T. McBain, Sub-Trunk Line—O. B. Eby, Transmission Wire—Dr. L. A. Morris, Guy Wire—E. Kenneth Stanton, Feed Wire—Dr. Clyde Mount.

THE SPECTACLE OF MAYOR GRANT B. DIMICK AND CHRISTIAN SCHUBEL SITTING SIDE BY SIDE AT THE HEAD OF THE TABLE DURING THE WEEKLY LUNCHEON OF THE LIVE WIRES.

The Live Wires Tuesday was a sight to bring joy to the hearts of gods and men, for these two prominent citizens of Oregon City have been lambasting to amaze their friends and enemies. But at the Live Wire luncheon the hatchet was buried, only the handle sticking out, and while Mr. Dimick and Mr. Schubel held little actual conversation, they carefully refrained from talking of their internal troubles, and the record of the former in his past administration as the head of the municipality of Oregon City.

The Live Wires elected new officers Tuesday to serve for the ensuing three months and discussed many matters of public interest, among them being the construction of a new hotel. It is said that Paul Wessinger, of the Weinhard Brewing Company, has the hotel site in his pocket and has looked over the local field with a view to acquiring property and erecting a fine modern hotel structure. The fruit canning proposition was referred to the Promotion Department of the Commercial Club. Chairman T. P. Randall, of the Federal Building committee, reported progress, exhibiting sketches of the interior of the postoffice building, which are to be forwarded to the Oregon congressional delegation. These sketches show, more than words, the cramped condition of the local office.

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In granting a reprieve to Mike Morgan who was convicted of murder in the first degree, he set Friday, December 13, as the day for the execution of Morgan today, and will follow the same course in connection with all other murderers who come to prison to be hanged.

SPECIAL NOTICE!

To those of you who may receive a sample copy of this paper we wish to call special attention: On the 27th of January, 1912, we will give a one day rate of just one-half our regular rate (or 75c) for a year subscription to the Weekly Enterprise. This rate is also good for renewals to our regular subscribers. One day only January 27, 1912. Letters postmarked the 27th will be accepted.

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