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WEEKLY OREGON STATESMAN.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 1877.

JOTTINGS—CONTINUED.

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Salem, May 1, 1877. The City Council met this evening at 8 P. M. Aldermen Murphy, Scott, D. McCully, A. A. McCully, Breymann, Thatchler, Strong and Baker, with the Mayor in the chair; Recorder Bowie and City Marshal Minto present.

Reading of the minutes of the last session, and after a slight alteration at the request of Alderman Scott, it was adopted.

Reading of the minutes of the Board of Equalization; no one requesting relief; voted to adjourn to April 30th; minutes of second meeting being read, it was voted to adjourn to Friday evening, May 4th.

Committee on Accounts and Current Expenses reported the following bills, which, upon examination, were found correct and ordered paid: N. O. Parrish, \$28 75; R. N. Price, \$6 00; James Shap, \$20 00; H. H. Dearborn, \$6 75; W. B. Simpson, \$15 00; San'l. Hendrix, \$37 50; L. S. Scott, \$35 00; Chas. W. Rowe, \$11 00. They also reported that the charge of Messrs. Knight & Lord were to high—of \$1000 for services—and that \$250 was sufficient, considering the service rendered.

Alderman Scott moved to adopt, and Alderman Murphy to amend, by striking out all referring to Col. Knight; spoken of the opinion of Judge Strong, Dolph, Shaw, Mallory and other lawyers; spoke of Judge Lawson's charging them as forming a ring for improper motives; spoke of the value of services rendered for great occasions; the fee paid at the State House for one speech, \$1,000; Mr. Cronin for less of business, \$3,000; Mr. Lawson's job with one Mack on side-walks, for \$1,000, kept out and still out. Build-up us by comparing to N. Y.; hardly worth while to mention such attacks, but must mention one little item known as Lawson's widow woman's will, for pushing through the Court House suit; said that the request of Messrs. Lord & Knight was reasonable; of 113 votes in his ward, 113 were in favor of the bill; large majority of heavy tax-payers were in favor; thinks Mr. Bush is as well as the business men of the street; no need of having so much excitement about an affair of this kind; if right, pay it; if not, let it alone; spoke of Mr. Lawson's appearance in legislature; his patriotism there; his almost charitable now for the survivors of himself the speaker knows that the firm of Messrs. Knight & Lord had been engaged assiduously in preparing for the case at least six months before the trial.

The questions that have come up are not by any means common, but such that required labor before they could be decided. The final act was but a trifle compared with the preceding labor.

As one instance of the deferring of this case until the decision was made in the Court House case, thereby gaining a precedent in their favor and saving expense to the city. Had they pressed their right it might have cost much more.

Alderman A. A. McCully stated that he had no personal feeling; highly respected the firm of lawyers; related an anecdote of A. Lincoln; spoke of the facility of obtaining signatures; said that the \$300 charge was true; spoke of Mr. Dolph being engaged by the Transportation Co., at \$250, \$500 and \$750; and also in settling the iron works the same person was employed at less than \$1,500 per year even now; that many suits, much calculation and other works was in them.

That another firm were engaged in business requiring their four years from Portland to Albany and paying their own expenses, now without such high charges; cannot conscientiously vote for it.

Ald. Breymann stated that the committee were by no means intimidated or bulldozed, but carefully considered all circumstances, and he could not conscientiously vote for more.

Alderman Strong did not feel much like speaking; the bill was one that he was more dissatisfied with than any that had ever been before him; spoke of the desire he had to pay; if the charge was against himself, he would do it, but as he was working for others it was different; spoke of parties talking with him, telling him to oppose; said he was willing to give \$800 in gold and in order to prevent hard feeling perhaps a little more. It should be remembered that the same party had once before a fee of \$1,000. He has also been in the constant employ of the city—considers the Portland paper simply as bunkum; has had talk with the same individuals and considers the paper signed simply to get rid of the applicant; spoke of the matter of \$3,000 as simply a piece of thieving. Alderman Scott had often heard that "Corporations had no soul," and now he believed it; that he was in favor of giving \$500 or nothing.

The question then came whether the words referring to Mr. Knight shall stand a part of the report.

Mr. Murphy said that if the Council was willing to do anything near right he was not disposed to press the insertion of amendment; spoke of Mr. Lawson's charge and was not in favor of his account being allowed; believed he would withdraw the amendment, and no one objecting, it was done.

Alderman Murphy moved as a compromise that \$350 in both places where \$250 occurred. Being seconded, question was put. Affirmative. Murphy, Baker, Strong, Thatchler, Negative. Breymann, Scott, D. McCully, A. A. McCully. Decided by the Mayor in the affirmative.

Question on adoption of report as amended—same in affirmative—decided by Chair in affirmative.

Report of Committee on Public Streets and Property, report against, because other places in city need more attention, but that simply all absolutely necessary repairs be done. Report by vote accepted.

Mr. Scott reported that the planking at the Chembetts, on examination, could be repaired. Committee on Education—no report.

Committee on Health and Police—further time.

Committee on Special Expenses—Recorder Bowie read a report.

Alderman Murphy moved that this account and the previous one, be submitted to Committee on Accounts and Current Expenses.

Report of city officers. No report.

Report in reference to Mr. Walte's bill of damages. Alderman Breymann said that he was not prepared to act.

Alderman Scott moved that the bill be referred to the Finance Committee.

Alderman Breymann moved that a bill for \$200

the amount claimed, be issued. It was voted after remarks by several members with regard to the dangerous place, and the folly of attempting to pass it; postponed till the next meeting, and that the Recorder ask the city attorney for a written opinion with regard to the liability of the city.

Unfinished business. Opinion of City Attorney as to the power of city to apply the road tax of the county on portions of county roads within the city. Read. Alderman Murphy said that the point at issue was where the authority and supervision belonged. The opinion was moved by him to be referred to Committee on Streets and Public Property, with directions to confer with the County Clerk and report.

Officer Minto stated that the assessment against Messrs. Jones & Patterson, for repairs of the sidewalk in front of their place, had been refused payment, and asked for instructions. Alderman Breymann stated how the repairs had been ordered, and that he thought all of it should not be required. Amount of bill, \$4 75.

Officer Minto also spoke of difficulty in adjusting other bills with this firm.

Alderman Breymann said that it being a cross-walk, if Mr. Jones was willing to pay for the lumber, the city ought to pay the balance, and made a motion to that effect, which being seconded was carried in affirmative.

Petitions, remonstrances, etc. Called for petition asking for removal of stumps in Front street, between Center and State, signed by Messrs. Stapleton, Walte and others. Referred to Committee on Streets.

Bills against city, from different persons received and referred.

Bills reported from Committee on Accounts and Current Expenses: Robt. Thompson, \$20; Wesley Graves, \$10; Capital Lumbering Company, \$5 00; O. N. Hatch, \$10; T. J. Bushnell, \$10; A. Darr, \$13 75; C. Bowie, \$300; John Minto, \$38 94. Ordered paid.

Miscellaneous business. Witnesses in lawsuit, who had received extra fees although notified had not returned. Moved and seconded that the marshal be required to obtain a list from the city Recorder, and ask the persons to return. Carried.

The crosswalk between Messrs. Bush and Hirsch, who refuse to repair. It was referred to the law governing that point.

The request of Alderman Scott for ten loads of dirt was granted.

Moved that the Street Commissioners be requested to overhaul the sidewalks of the city and see that they are in order. Adjourned.

ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Opera. "Ilma De Murka." Good time—coming.

Amusements—In the air. Sensational—elopement.

"Par-Simile," is good. County Court next Monday.

Waverly Club, this evening. Steamer sails Monday morning.

What—all you can get for it. Theatricals, Concerts, all you can't rest.

Miss Chamberlin's class to-morrow at 2 P. M. "Ilma De Murka," and the entire Opera Troupe are at the Chembetts.

Edward Akin, of Jefferson, was in the city yesterday, and reports everything lovely, along the "tax line."

D. W. Prentiss and A. L. Francis, dealers in musical instruments are both in the city. Now is the time to strike—for a bargain.

Murphy & Crossman have an immense stock in their new room.

Reed & Cox can supply you with farms or city property, and will loan you all the money you want.

"The best Piano I ever played on," is what every pianist says that plays the Steinway at H. D. Boon's.

T. C. Smith & Co. keep pure drugs and prescriptions carefully prepared. Oldest perfumery and toilet notions.

J. G. Wright keeps a large stock of goods, which he expects to sell.

Terrell & Gillingham have a very desirable line of dress goods.

The \$ store is offering great bargains. A \$ will go a long way, and buy him into.

The Overland store makes drygoods a specialty, and there you will find bargains.

Holbert's candies are voted the best in Oregon.

J. G. Holbert is preparing for a vigorous campaign in his candy business, and will start his wagon up the valley on Wednesday, April 25th.

C. W. Shaw & Co. buy and sell gold and silver, currency, county and city warrants, money to loan in large or small amounts.

The gold exchange in New York is a thing of the past and no longer in existence. A silver exchange in Salem is wanted for almost anything—is better—except to be without it.

Lyon's KATHALON makes beautiful, glossy, lustrous hair, prevents its falling out or turning gray. It has stood the test of 40 years. Is charmingly perfumed, and has no rival.

HUGH'S MAWSONIA BATH preserves and restores the complexion; removes freckles, tan and sallowness; makes the skin soft, white and delicate. Its application cannot be doubted.

Steamer arrived in Portland, having on board a large number of immigrants, some of whom came to Salem, yesterday, looking for homes. Oregon is fast filling up with the right class of immigrants.

R. H. Dearborn, Commercial street, has just received, direct from New York, a very large stock of Eastern harness, McLellan saddles, robes, whips, ladies' saddles, etc., which same he is disposed to sell on fair terms, as he purchased for cash, and can afford to give his customers the benefit of good goods, at low rates.

Prof. Taylor, with Geo. E. Ballew at the helm, is still sailing with the popular breeze at Reed's Opera House. Last night's entertainment was pleasing, and the Prof. consents to give the people one more chance to get some of his best performance, at his last performance in Salem this evening. Remember this is the last night of "Merry Art," by Prof. Taylor.

PARAGRAPH.

May day. Wheat 81 1/2. A week of amusement in Salem. Hazy sky with prospect of rain. Turke will probably fall a prey to Russian rapacity.

Steamboating on the Willamette dull, for want of freight. Our Street Commissioner is actively engaged in repairing bridges and fixing up streets. See ad of stage lines from Turner's to different mountain points.

Bathing facilities at Moore's barber shop unsurpassed on the coast. Great speculations are open in public land about the Grand Ronde reservation.

A few cases of diphtheria are reported, but in mild form. Everything is life and activity in the country, and the city is quietly waiting—developments.

A few new cases of diphtheria are reported, but few are fatal. The Deaf Mute school will close on Thursday next, for a three months vacation.

Now is the time to clean up Marion Square for summer picnics. Capt. Scott's street sprinkler has the "blues" over a prospect of early rain.

The prospect of a new woolen factory is good. Capitalists are viewing the situation. A piece of North Salem assuald laws over for further information.

Capital mining stock looking up, but not yet quoted on Wall street. Fishing parties cannot reasonably hope to be successful when they go out on the Sabbath day.

The bunch grass east of the mountains is said to be better than for many years, and cattle fat. The present high price for wheat develops the fact that there is still a large surplus in the country.

Disciples of Nimrod are bringing in large quantities of game. The quality is being tested in the form of "free lunches." "Uncle Henry Smith," at Turner's Station, seems to "lose" the Orange and run it in good shape.

J. W. Gilbert, Esq., offers special bargains in boots and shoes. Call on him and examine his mammoth stock.

Mauzy Bros., plumbers and gas fitters are now fully prepared for all kinds of work in their line. Judge Hayden has gone to Corvallis to look after a session of the Court and important business therein.

A trout-capturer, D. F. Wagner, Agent for Waila, Fargo & Co., is voted a success. He brought in about two hundred a day or two since.

Hon. Ralph C. Geer was in the city on Monday. He reports the Abiqua campaign ended, and all peace in his section of country.

Cooper's tame bear is being entertained at the Penitentiary. What court "sent him up," we are not advised.

The last article by Senator Walkers, in the Oregonian, was certainly most lame and impotent.

Somelody on Piety Hill complains of the condition of the roads, streets and sewerage of Salem, in the Mercury—justly.

The City Council met as a Board of Equalization on Monday night. Some important business was transacted.

Small boys in the North Mill Creek race, discount our best fishermen, in point of number of fishes caught.

The prisoners who escaped from the County Jail last week are still at large, but will probably be picked up soon, when their quarters will be made secure.

P. J. Looxon, Esq., merchant tailor, will probably set up the Capital Guards in new uniforms, proposing to perform the work as cheaply as it can be done in the United States.

The Knapp Bros. report wheat coming in rapidly, and the mills will run on full time hereafter. There is considerable wheat in the country, which an offer of \$1 25 per bushel brings out.

Does Mr. Craig, or any member of the firm, own a large amount of coal lands near Coos Bay, and if so how much did he actually pay the State? A fair deal is what every good citizen demands.

Capt. "Elish" McDaniel has returned from the Yakima country and reports himself grayer than ever before and Democratic schools in flourishing condition. The Capt. returns with rosy cheeks and is most excellent health.

Our business men begin to talk about a bridge at Salem in good earnest. The improvement is greatly needed, but it will require united action on the part of our most enterprising citizens to secure it. Let us have the bridge.

Some boys are having much fun and a little profit by catching fish in North Mill Creek and selling them in the market. They come in loaded down every morning.

Judge Hayden, Judge Daly, Gen. Nesmith and other prominent Democrats are now at liberty to talk a little on the subject of "penitentiary middle." We quietly await their action in the premises. Weekly Statesman only \$3 per annum.

B. C. Lanhenten, an old resident of Lane county, sold out last fall; went to California, rented a 700 acre ranch, for five years; ran it six months; got disgusted; sold his crop and has returned to Eugene again, thinks Oregon the best country in the world.

The amusement of daterouting and the chances of winning presents at Prof. Taylor's show probably will largely in securing his crowded houses.

A. J. McCoy, advance agent of Prof. Taylor's great show, goes South this morning, making his arrangements to give everybody a "show"—well worth seeing.

Hon. J. S. Smith, of Portland, met with an accident, resulting from a falling fit, that came near being serious. At last account he was improving.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

In passing over the city the stranger will find a great many improvements, and enterprises, that do not meet the casual eye. The Capital Lumbering Co., composed of J. B. Forsythe, J. H. Moore, A. Prescott, W. R. Paly and L. D. Wilde, Ave of Salem's best citizens, have on the river front, one of the best lumbering mills in the State, keeping our market well supplied with choice lumber at moderate prices. They now have on hand a fine lot of logs from the Luckimate, and have more coming. Salem will have no lack of lumber this year. Precautions against fire are noticeable, inasmuch as no fire is allowed in or dangerously near the building; their grounds are large and commodious, and so fine a mill properly ought to "have the protection of a good substantial fence, with a gate under the watchman's eye. The engineer in this mill (Mr. Thos. King, from Des Moines Iowa), a very quiet genial gentleman, by the way, a regular genius, and an educated and practical engineer, with the natural gift of genius to make almost anything, whether it be iron, brass or wood, and in a spare corner of the spacious mill, he has accumulated his leisure moments in constructing a small row-boat sixteen feet long of most beautiful model and finish, for the real estate firm of Jones & Patterson of this city. They say it is for winter use in their business; but that is an exaggeration on our beautiful country. Any one interested might guess that the boat is for, as the firm are severely interested, in the adjoining farms in Linn county, on the North Santiam 100 acres in cultivation and the farms well stocked with sheep and Casimere goats of fine grades; and one of the farms has a beautiful lake of ice cold water, well stocked (with mountain trout) and there is where the best (business comes in) flowing like a thing of beauty, will be placed under contribution in looking after the ducks and trout. The mill company have all the facilities for throwing out first-class material for building and at short notice.

Salem has added to other branches of industry, "The Pacific Threshing Machine Company," owned and controlled by a corporate company, all citizens of Salem, with S. Pelton, of San Jose, Cal., a man of original thought and an inventor of useful improvements in agricultural machinery, as President of the company, manufacturing his own invention for threshing grain.