

BOND ISSUE OF \$40,000 IS DISCUSSED BY COUNCIL

May Call Special Election to Vote Upon Proposition Soon.

NEED MONEY TO TAKE UP WARRANTS.

Claim That Large Number of Warrants Make It Hard to Cash Them.

The Marshfield council is discussing the advisability of calling a special election to have the voters of the city pass on the question of issuing about \$40,000 or \$50,000 in bonds to take up the outstanding warrants. The matter was briefly discussed last night but no action was taken on it.

It is barely possible that the council may decide upon two elections in order to carry out their plan of financing the city. At present the Marshfield charter limits the bonded indebtedness to \$25,000 and this would have to be amended before a bond issue large enough to take care of the more than \$40,000 in outstanding warrants can be authorized. At present, the city has no bonded indebtedness, the claims against the municipality in excess of the current revenue in recent years having been met by city warrants which draw six per cent interest until they are retired.

Treasury is Low.

Councilman F. A. Sacchi last night reported that the city treasury was almost depleted, City Treasurer Hall having met a considerable number of warrants recently which reduced the amount of cash on hand to a few hundred dollars. Mr. Sacchi said that something should be done at once to secure more revenue or reduce expenses.

Mayor E. E. Straw expressed himself in favor of issuing bonds sufficient to retire outstanding warrants, thereby reducing the interest considerably as the bonds could be floated at four and a half per cent while the warrants now draw six per cent. He said that this would have to be done by calling a special election and having the voters authorize it.

Councilman Flanagan and Savage also expressed themselves in favor of this plan. Mr. Flanagan said that he was sure the bonds could be placed at four and a half per cent.

Warrants Not Wanted.

Owing to the large number of city warrants now outstanding, it is becoming difficult to realize cash on them. Although they draw six per cent interest, the uncertainty of the time at which they will be paid makes it difficult to convert them into cash by allowing a ten per cent discount. This discount is objectionable to city employees who claim that their wages are not any too high anyway.

R. S. Butler, the assistant city engineer, is threatening to resign on account of the difficulty he has in converting his pay warrants into cash.

Mayor E. E. Straw said last night that even Henry Hewitt, the millionaire owner of the Coos Bay Gas and Electric Company, did not like to take Marshfield city warrants. Mr. Straw said that this was true even though Mr. Hewitt had large sums invested at his home in Seattle in securities bearing only three and one half per cent interest.

FLEET AT SANTA CRUZ.

Warships Are Welcomed to Port by Thousands—Reception Follows.

(By Associated Press.)
SANTA CRUZ, May 2.—The First Squadron of the Atlantic battleship fleet anchored off this place today. Thousands of people witnessed the arrival from Monterey and participated in the reception and festivities coincident to the visit of the ships.

MAY day weather was dark and dull, but you will find Sunshine all the time if you do your Drug trading with McArthur at the Prescription Drug Store. Always a competent man in charge at McArthur's.

FORD FOUND NOT GUILTY

Chief Counsel of United Railways Acquitted on 'Frisco Bribery Charge.

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, May 2.—Tirey L. Ford, chief counsel of the United Railroads and former attorney general of California, was acquitted today on the charge of bribing former supervisor, Daniel Coleman, for his vote in favor of a trolley franchise. This makes the second acquittal of Ford in a series of three trials. Twelve indictments remain against him. The jury was out about two minutes.

OLIN CASE IS HARD FOUGHT

Damage Suit Against the O. F. & N. Will Not be Completed Today—Other Court News.

(Special to The Times.)
COQUILLE, Ore., May 2.—The injury suit of Olin vs. the O. F. & N. Company for \$15,000 damages is taking more time than expected, and it is barely possible that the last of the testimony will be taken this afternoon. It is not believed that it will be possible to argue the case and submit it to the jury until late Monday.

After the Olin case is concluded, the case of the State vs. Wilcox of North Bend, will be taken up. It will not last long as Wilcox is expected to enter a plea of guilty.

Charles Marcy, the Marshfield old soldier who was convicted of passing a forged check on a Marshfield saloon, was sentenced to a year's imprisonment but the punishment was suspended during good behavior.

The grand jury has returned a number of indictments, the most of them being against North Bend people on the charge of gambling. Several true bills against Wilcox of North Bend were also returned.

An indictment was returned against Mr. Stewart of Empire, charging him with assault on Mr. Turpin of Empire.

The grand jury is now considering the evidence presented in behalf of L. D. Kinney of Plat B.

CLEVELAND HAS CANCER.

Former President Said to be Suffering From Malady.
(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, May 2.—The Evening World gives prominence to a report current in financial circles and emanating from the Equitable Life Assurance Society that former President Grover Cleveland is hopelessly ill with cancer of the stomach. The Cleveland family is still at the Lakewood hotel, Lakewood, N. J., although the hostelry closed ten days ago.

Efforts to confirm the story that Cleveland's condition is critical are unavailing owing to the extreme reticence of all connected with the case.

YOUNG spring lamb and mint sauce at Smith's Cafe tomorrow.

JOKE AND JOSH CLUB.—Asks the assistance of any and all who know of any original Jokes or Joshes that have transpired on Coos Bay, especially Marshfield and vicinity.—Headquarters, Lockhart-Parsons Drug Store.
"SHORT FELLOW"

SOME of that good chicken tomorrow at Smith's Cafe.

DANCE at Summer, May 16th. Music by Langenburg Orchestra.

NASBURG NEW COUNCILMAN

Mayor E. E. Straw Names Him to Succeed Ivy Condron On Council.

Sacchi's Bookkeeping Plan Pleases Officials—Much New City Work Is Ordered.

Mayor E. E. Straw last night named Claude Nasburg, a well-known Marshfield young man and a brother-in-law of Councilman Herbert Lockhart, to fill the vacancy on the city council caused a few weeks ago by the resignation of Councilman Ivy Condron.

Mayor Straw's selection came as a little surprise to the council. In announcing it, Mr. Straw said that he had selected Mr. Nasburg without consulting any member of the council.

City Attorney Farrin said that the charter provided that the mayor should fill vacancies by appointment and that his appointment should stand unless the council refused by a two-thirds vote to accept it. Councilman Flanagan moved that Mayor Straw's appointment of Mr. Nasburg be confirmed and Councilman Savage seconded the motion. In the aye and nay vote that followed, Councilman Sacchi and Nelson remained silent. Councilman Lockhart was not present last night.

Others Considered.

Mayor Straw had considered several for the vacancy before making the appointment.

Peter Clausen said that he would refuse to serve as councilman by the appointment owing to his time being taken up by his private business and because he did not believe that he should in view of the fact that he had been defeated for the position in the last city elections in which he had allowed his name to be used.

W. P. Murphy said that his private business interests would not permit him to serve on the city council at present.

New System of Accounting.

The new system of bookkeeping and accounting for the city, as proposed by Chairman F. Sacchi of the special committee which was named sometime ago by Mayor Straw to systematize the departments, was accepted last night. The new books, vouchers, blanks and receipts which were ordered by Mr. Sacchi were commended by Mayor Straw and the other city officials for their completeness and simplicity. By means of these records, not only careful current check will be kept on the city's affairs but all transactions can be easily referred back to in the future.

The new system will be adopted at once, Expert Squires being instructed to open the new set of books on Monday.

The new system will also systematize affairs. Under it, all money for the city will have to be paid through the city recorder's office and he will then turn over the funds to the city treasurer who will simply become the custodian of the money. The city treasurer will only pay warrants and bills that are referred to him by the city council. A new ordinance setting forth the duties of the various departments under the new system will probably be adopted at the next session of the city council.

City Improvement Work.

The council last night also decided to rush city improvements work as rapidly as will be expedient. Councilman Sacchi said that he believed it was a good time to hurry the city work as it could be done more cheaply now than later probably as the price of labor and materials is low.

The cost of paving Front street from the city hall to 'A' street was ordered apportioned. The total cost will be \$3,700.65, excluding the intersections which will cost \$832.25 additional. This will mean an assessment of \$6.853 per front foot except for the corner lots which will have to bear in addition to this the cost of intersections. The city council will meet May 14th, as a board of equalization on these assessments, to hear any complaints that may be made.

Chas. A. Johnson, Francis H. Clarke and Captain J. R. Lightner were named as a committee to apportion the cost of the proposed South Marshfield and Baines and Washing-

BRUTAL CRIME AT PORTLAND

Nathan Wolff, Jeweler and Pawnbroker, Shot And Hacked to Pieces.

Fiendishness of Murder Leads Police to Believe that Revenge was One Motive.

(By Associated Press.)
PORTLAND, Ore., May 2.—Detectives are working to solve the mysterious murder of Nathan Wolff who was killed in his jewelry and pawnbroker's shop last night, but so far are unsuccessful in their search for a definite clue. Witnesses have been found who saw a man in front of the store about 6:20 o'clock, who, the police believe, was on the lookout.

The man stood in the pelting rain without protection and attracted attention by his disregard for the soaking. Another witness has been located who about the same hour saw three men inside the shop.

A bloody handkerchief, a blood stained collar and a brown necktie were found on the premises, but are of little apparent value so far. Beyond these meagre clues nothing has been discovered which offers a hope that the murderous robbers will be captured.

From the best information obtainable, the robbers secured about \$1,800 in jewelry and money.

What puzzles the police is the fact that after shooting Wolff fatally, the robbers dragged him into a back room and hacked his head to pieces with a hatchet. The fiendishness of the assault leads the police to believe that the motives of the crime had, in good portion, revenge.

NEW ELDORADO FOUND IN ALASKA

Nolan Creek Gold Runs as High as \$1,800 to Pan—Bishop Rowe Returns From Alaska With Story of Fabulous Wealth in the Far North.

(By Associated Press.)
SEATTLE, May 2.—P. T. Rowe, bishop of the Episcopal church for the territory of Alaska, who arrived in the city today from the north on the Yucatan, brings the first detailed authentic information regarding the big gold strike on Nolan Creek, at the head of the Koyukuk river. Bishop Rowe was in the Nolan Creek camp when the strike was made and washed out \$500 pans on the Olson claim with his own hands and saw pans washed out that ran as high as \$1,800. Nolan Creek is only about 200 miles from the Arctic Ocean and there were only about 125 men in the camp when Bishop Rowe left for the outside.

The strike was made at a depth of about 150 feet and about \$4,000 has been washed by crude operations, and it is estimated the clean-up at the end of this summer will reach \$1,000,000.

The street sewer systems to the benefitted property.

The grade of Alice street between Queen and 'D' streets was ordered established.

The plans and specifications of the Baines and Washington streets sewer system, running from the new high school to Coal Bank slough were approved.

The paving of Nevada avenue between Marlon and Graham streets with plank was ordered. The work will cost \$5,541.09.

The paving of Sixth street from block 4 to 'E' street with plank was ordered. Part of the plank pavement will be on stringers on a dirt foundation and some will be on elevated roadway. The total cost will be \$4,838.

Robert Marsden was ordered to improve or repair the roadway in front of the Brewery property.

Cut Down Bell's Bill.
The city council last night cut off \$15.75 of the Coos Bay Gas and Electric Company's bill. It seems that this amount was charged for wiring part of the city hall when the councilmen claimed that General Manager Seymour H. Bell had promised them that the wiring would be done free in view of the fact that the company would get the additional business.

LOS ANGELES WOMAN ENDS NAP OF EIGHTY-FIVE DAYS

KILLS PARENTS OF HIS WIFE

J. B. Blunt Slays Two at Battle Creek, Mich., But Woman Escapes With Baby.

(By Associated Press.)
BATTLE CREEK, Mich., May 2.—Joseph B. Blunt, whose wife recently commenced divorce proceedings, broke into the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer S. Jones, with whom she was living with her children, early today and shot and killed the parents but Mrs. Blunt, scantily attired, escaped in the snow with baby.

SHAW RESIGNS AGENCY HERE

Will Soon Retire as Local Representative of the Steamship Alliance.

L. W. Shaw has resigned as agent of the California and Oregon Steamship Company, owners and operators of the steamship Alliance, on Coos Bay. He has notified the company that he is ready to retire just as soon as they can conveniently send a successor to relieve him here.

The news of Mr. Shaw's retirement will come as a decided surprise to the many friends he has made during his four years stay on Coos Bay, who will sincerely regret his leaving the position but will hope that he will remain on Coos Bay as he will probably do. As soon as he is relieved of the work here, he expects to take an extended vacation, the first one in years.

Mr. Shaw has been with the California and Oregon Coast Steamship Company for ten years, during four years of which he has been stationed on Coos Bay as the agent of the Alliance. Prior to his connection with the company, he was for years in the service of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company.

It is expected that the company will send a new agent to Marshfield early next week to relieve Mr. Shaw of the work.

DESTROY TRAIN WITH DYNAMITE

Dastardly Act Kills and Wound Several on Burlington Near Butte, Mont.

(Special to The Times.)
BUTTE, Mont., May 2.—Two are dead and one is dying as a result of the Burlington eastbound express train being dynamited near here last night. It is believed that the dastardly act was committed by train robbers.

Although a large number of detectives and deputy sheriffs have been hastened to the scene and possess are searching the surrounding country, no trace of the robbers has been secured. The railroad company will offer a reward of \$5,000 for the apprehension of the criminals.

The dynamite was stolen from a mine in this section about 10 o'clock last night.

Engineer Charles Bussy formerly of Council Bluffs, Ia., and Carl Ming, a hobo carpenter from Sheridan, Wyo., were killed outright, almost. Fireman Ehle was badly scalded and may die.

Mrs. Buelah Hawkins Finally Awakens From Peculiar Slumber There.

FIRST REQUEST IS FOR GLASS OF MILK.

Can Talk Rationally, Eat Well and Has Full Control of Her Faculties.

(By Associated Press.)
LOS ANGELES, May 2.—After an unbroken sleep of eighty-five days, Mrs. Buelah Hawkins, a patient at the County hospital, awakened early this morning and asked for a drink of milk. Her return to consciousness was entirely unexpected.

The nurse was attracted by a rapping, entered the room and found the patient sitting up in bed with her eyes open. A physician was summoned and the woman talked rationally with them for some time. She is able to stand, and had full control of her faculties, though weak.

Mrs. Hawkins previously slept for a period of forty days and once in an asylum and her case was diagnosed as negative insanity.

250,000 MEN OUT OF WORK

Shipbuilders in Scotland Lock Out Employes as Result of Recent Strike.

(By Associated Press.)
GLASGOW, May 2.—The Clyde shipbuilders today locked out six thousand workers. The measure is the outcome of a dispute between the Shipbuilding Employers Federation and the shipworkers of the North-east coast who struck rather than accept a reduction in wages and who have not been able to get the Federation arbitrate their demands.

Lockouts have been decided upon at all shipbuilding yards in the United Kingdom, and the workmen in other branches will be gradually be locked out. It seems that there is a prospect of the complete stoppage of the shipbuilding industry, a condition that will affect directly not less than 250,000 men.

TWELVE DIE IN FLAMES

Bodies of Five Recovered From Ruins of Chicago Reduction Company's Plant.

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, Ill., May 2.—Five bodies have been recovered from the ruins of the Chicago Reduction Company's plant which was destroyed by fire last night.

Five other employes are still missing and are thought to have been cremated.

The cause of the fire is not known.

IN CRITICAL CONDITION.

W. H. Harrington, Lineman, Hurt at Ferndale; Injured Internally.

W. H. Harrington, the line foreman of the Coos Bay Gas and Electric Company, who was injured by a fall of 35 feet from a pole at Ferndale yesterday, is still in critical condition at the General hospital. In addition to the fracture of the limb, he was injured internally, being bruised about the heart.

Store your Goods with the Bay Side Paint Co., North Bend.