

CITY COUNCIL RECEIVES MANY PROTESTS AGAINST IMPROVEMENTS

Property Owners Remonstrate Against Their Plans for Work.

TRY TO ADJUST THE GRIEVANCES.

Sacchi Questions About City's Expense for Opening Laurel Street.

Protest after protest to the Marshfield city council's plans for street improvements and sewage systems were read and discussed at last evening's meeting of that body. Part of the discussion was rather animated, some of the property owners interested in the various projects being present and talking on both sides of the question involved.

Mayor E. E. Straw took occasion to censure some of the protestants for holding up public improvements. His remarks were especially directed towards property owners on West 'C' street or 'C' avenue, between Fourth and Davidson streets. He said that the city council had gone to the expense of having the city engineering department survey and prepare plans and specifications four times now to have the street graded and improved and each time the property owners had blocked it. He said that he and the council had regarded the improvement essential owing to the street being a main thoroughfare of the city and being practically impassable for a good share of the year in its present condition on account of the mud. He said that he was not going to permit the city engineering department to make any more plans or specifications for the improvement of the street at the city's expense—that if the property owners decided that the street should be improved, they would have to hire an engineer themselves to make the plans and specifications. Then the council would receive their recommendations and act on them. He said that the council did not propose to force any improvement on any one, that it was their intention and wish to do only what the property owners wish.

Messrs. Street, I. S. Kaufman, J. A. Matson, Tom Nichols, Judge Penneck and other property owners talked on the matter. Tom Nichols said that he had circulated the remonstrance petition part of the time and that the protest was because the present plan made the owners of property where very little work would have to be done pay just as much as the ones whose property faced the street where six feet or so of grading would have to be done. He thought that every property owner should pay only for the cost of the work in front of his property. Judge Penneck said that the cost of the proposed work would be too heavy for the property owners to bear now. He thought that 14 or 16 feet of planking and that only for a short distance from the end of the hill past the electric light plant would be ample at this time.

Matson Favors Plan.

Messrs. Kaufman, Street and Matson were heartily in favor of the improvement. Mr. Matson declared that it was absolutely essential that the street be improved as its present condition worked hardship on the residents of that section of the city and kept down property values. He said that some of the parties who had circulated the remonstrance petition had secured signers to it by misrepresentation. He asked that the remonstrance be laid on the table until the next meeting and an effort made meanwhile to straighten the matter out so that the improvement can be made this summer.

Others who protested said they had done so because they understood the present plan would require the tearing out of the 'C' street long bridge which they had paid for only four years ago, and the building of a new one at a greater elevation. The council finally laid the matter on the table until next Tuesday night.

Laurel Street Work.

There was also a protest against the proposed improvement of Laurel

between 'C' avenue and the section line of Sections 26 and 27. Some of those who protested said that the bridge portion of the proposed street would be too high while others claimed that the cut through the hill would be too deep. The council finally voted to carry out the proposed improvement.

Messrs. Haines and Rood appeared before the council and urged that the improvement of Nevada street be taken up again. They claimed that the protest which caused the proposed improvement to be abandoned was signed by many who didn't own property on the street and that a majority of the property owners who had the right to determine the question were in favor of the improvement. It will be taken up at the next meeting.

Want Street Planked.

Lyman Noble and others presented a petition to the council asking that plank be used for improving Cedar street instead of sandstone. They also opposed asphalt. The petition was turned over to I. S. Kaufman who will endeavor to have all of the property owners agree to either asphalt or plank, probably plank, as the change from sandstone, for which the contract has been let, cannot be made unless every property owner signs the petition requesting a change.

The proposed improvement of Cedar street from 'C' to Front street, of Broadway to Washington street and of portions of Flanagan and Chestnut streets was turned over to the Street Committee. The committee will look the matter up and determine whether a majority of the property owners want the change before the expense of surveying the streets is incurred.

A petition concerning the change of material from sandstone to plank on Second street, now being graded, was referred to Mr. Rood who will try and get all of the property owners to agree to it.

The property owners on Sixth street beyond Eighth presented a petition remonstrating against the improvement of that part of the thoroughfare under the present plans. The petition was for a rehearing, the work having been ordered before they knew it was contemplated. No action was taken on the petition.

Protest on Sewer.

F. S. Dow and a score of other South Marshfield residents entered a protest against the proposed South Marshfield sewage system. They claimed that the proposed system does not cover enough of that part of the city to be of sanitary value and also that the proposed pipe is too small. It was agreed that the sewer committee, the city engineer and the city attorney with F. S. Dow should confer with the property owners of South Marshfield and endeavor to agree upon a plan. The matter will then be taken up at the meeting next Tuesday night.

Blame County for Delay.

The proposed ferry was also brought up. The city hasn't done anything but Mayor Straw and Councilmen Savage and Nasburg said that the county was to blame because the city had not been furnished any plans or specifications for its share of the work. They said the city was ready just as soon as the county officials did their part.

Brings Up Laurel Street.

Councilman Sacchi wanted to know why the city had gone to about \$1,900 expense in opening Laurel street. He said that it had been announced that Father Donnelly had donated the right of way for the street, but that he had found that the city had paid \$500 for it and in addition to this had paid, or would have to pay, about \$1,400 for improving it. Councilman Lockhart said this was an old matter, settled long ago and that it was too late to bring it up now. He referred to it as a dead issue. Sacchi insisted on knowing about it, what had been done before he became a member of the council. Lockhart told him he should have attended the council meetings and found out what was going on. Sacchi said he didn't have an opportunity. Finally Councilmen Savage and Flanagan explained that the right of way had been bought for \$500 which they considered cheaper than they could have it condemned

INVITES 500 TO SEE EXECUTION

Sheriff at Pottsville, Pa., Utilizes Hanging to Impress Upon Others the Fact That Crime Will be Promptly Punished.

(By Associated Press.)
POTTSVILLE, Pa., May 26.—Felix Radzius, a young Pole, was executed today for the murder of Mrs. Mary Cherkoskis and her young son with whom he boarded. He confessed to the crime and also to having committed a murder in Poland.

In order to impress the enormity of the crime, the sheriff issued five hundred invitations to Poles, Russians, Slavs, Hungarians, Italians and Lithuanians to witness the execution.

PROTEST AGAINST WILCOX PAROLE

North Bend Law and Order League Circulates Petitions Urging Gov. Chamberlain Not to Grant Request of Dance Hall Proprietor.

The North Bend Law and Order League this morning started the circulation of petitions to Governor Chamberlain remonstrating against the proposed parole of J. C. Wilcox, the North Bend dance hall proprietor who is now serving a twelve months sentence in the Coos county jail at Coquille. The petitions will be thoroughly circulated and sent to Governor Chamberlain shortly.

The Rev. A. F. Lacey of the North Bend Methodist Episcopal church, who is a leading worker in the Law and Order League, stated today that they did not fear snap judgment on the application for a parole as the Oregon law provides that twenty days notice must be given the district attorney in these cases. He said that a large number of signers to the remonstrance against paroling Mr. Wilcox at this time would be secured.

Sensational stories of political manipulation in connection with the matter were in circulation today but all were submisses.

STRIKES GAS ON COAL BANK

C. N. Sherman's Oil Expert, Discovers First Real Evidence of Oil Here.

Walter Lyon, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, was notified today that C. N. Sherman, an oil expert who has been prospecting for oil in this section, had struck gas on Coal Bank slough, about a mile from Marshfield. No details of the strike were given.

Secretary Lyon says that there are a half dozen or so of oil men busy prospecting in this vicinity and all of them are keeping quiet regarding their movements and discoveries. So far as can be ascertained, the strike of gas reported to Mr. Lyon today was the first real evidence of oil deposits around here.

R. F. Crittenden's oil machinery will be here the latter part of this week and he will at once begin drilling on South Inlet. Unless something unexpected interferes, it will not be long before the test can be completed.

CAR JUMPS TRACK.

Passengers on Train to Coquille Have Narrow Escape.

When a short distance this side of Coquille today, the front trucks of a box-car on the morning train from Marshfield jumped the track and ran along on the ties for nearly two hundred yards before the mishap was noticed. While the trucks were off the track, the train crossed a trestle and everyone who has viewed the scene has marvelled at the luck that prevented the whole train going into the gully. A second engine had to be sent for to get the car back on the rails. The roadbed was quite badly damaged.

for and that the object in opening the street was to obtain a thoroughfare between South Marshfield and West Marshfield.

Straw and Cook Tilt.

Mayor E. E. Straw and A. F. Cook had a warm tilt for a few minutes last evening. Mr. Cook, who is a property owner on Laurel or Prospect street wanted to know about the new street grades there. Mayor Straw said the council couldn't discuss such trivial matters. Cook said that he had a right to know. Mayor Straw told him that he was out of order and would have to sit down. Cook insisted on talking and the mayor ordered him to sit down. It ended with Cook sitting down and declaring that there was "another day coming when he would have a chance."

OKLAHOMA FLOOD LOSS WILL EXCEED TEN MILLION DOLLARS

SHOOTS SON FOR A CRANE

George W. Barger of St. Helens, Ore., Makes Direful Mistake.

(By Associated Press.)
ST. HELENS, Ore., May 26.—Mistaking his son for a crane, George W. Barger, lumber rafter, shot and killed his young son last night.

The accident occurred just after dusk. Barger had his gun and had been shooting at game. The child suddenly came into his vision along the bank, near where he had seen some cranes, and he fired. The cry of pain apprised him of the mistake. He is almost crazed.

NEW CITY OFFICIALS CHOSEN FOR BANDON.

Annual Election Yesterday Passes Off Quietly, There Being Little Opposition.

BANDON, Ore., May 26.—The annual city election yesterday passed off quietly, there being little opposition and no important matters up. In all, 187 votes were cast. The following officers were elected:

Recorder—C. R. Wade.
Council—W. C. Crane, R. E. L. Bedillion, Stephen Gallier, John W. Hoover and John C. Shields.

BARRIERS ARE BURNED AWAY

Mme. Gould and Prince Helie de Sagan Will be Married Shortly.

(By Associated Press.)
PARIS, France, May 26.—M. Cachard, attorney for Mme. Gould, who is preparing the contract for her marriage to Prince Helie de Sagan, authorizes the Associated Press to deny absolutely the story that the couple was married in Hoboken, N. J. The opposition of the Gould family to the marriage has been withdrawn and they will be married shortly.

CUB BEARS FOR FLEET

Aberdeen, Wash., Commercial Club Presents Them to Battleships at Seattle.

(By Associated Press.)
SEATTLE, May 26.—The visit of the Atlantic battleship fleet reached a climax today when fifteen thousand men of the navy, army, militia and fraternal societies marched through the streets of the city. One novel feature of the parade was the presence of sixteen cub bears led by members of the Chamber of Commerce of Aberdeen, Wash. The cubs will be presented to the vessels of the fleet, each receiving one. Rear Admiral Sperry today made this official call on Governor Mead who later returned the visit and formally welcomed the fleet.

MISS VILLIERS' Dancing Class will close Friday evening, May 29, at I. O. O. F. Hall, with an exhibition of fancy dancing. At close of entertainment there will be a social dance. Music by Coos Bay Orchestra.

Damage to Crops and Railroads in New State Terrific.

EIGHT KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN DROWNED.

Waters Are Receding—Loss at Dallas, Tex., Will Exceed \$1,000,000.

(By Associated Press.)
GUTHRIE, Ok., May 26.—The flood waters are reported to be receding. The death toll has reached eight. The railroads are demoralized. Miles of trackage were washed out and scores of rail road bridges were destroyed or damaged.

The damage to crops and railroads is roughly estimated at \$10,000,000 and is believed to be a conservative figure. Hundreds of passengers are stalled at various points.

TRINITY IS RECEDING.

Flood Loss at Dallas, Texas, Will Exceed \$1,000,000.

(By Associated Press.)
DALLAS, Tex., May 26.—After doing damage of over a million dollars, drowning at least three and rendering over 4,000 homeless, Trinity river today is slowly falling. It is believed that when the waters recede, the death list will be greatly increased.

PRANK COSTS MANY LIVES

Boys and Girls Steal Ride on Railway Truck at Pottsville, Pa., With Fatal Results.

(By Associated Press.)
POTTSVILLE, Pa., May 26.—Seventeen children were injured, several fatally, last night when a score of boys and girls climbed aboard a truck on the Philadelphia & Reading railroad's branch to the Lincoln Colliery and started it down the grade. While going at a frightful speed, it collided with another car. Both were almost completely demolished.

REV. CLARENCE TRUE WILSON HERE TONIGHT

Prominent Prohibition Worker Arrives Today to Deliver Address in Favor of Local Option.

The Rev. Clarence True Wilson, one of the most prominent prohibition workers in the Northwest, will speak at the I. O. O. F. Hall this evening at 8 o'clock in behalf of local option. He is familiar with the situation in Oregon and will probably devote a good share of his lecture to giving illustrations of the effect of local option in various counties in Oregon.

Mr. Wilson telephoned from Gardiner this morning that he would be down on the stage early this afternoon, having come via Drain. He will speak at Coquille Wednesday evening and at Eckhoff hall in North Bend Thursday evening. The Rev. A. F. Lacey of the North Bend Methodist Episcopal church is planning to have one of the largest audiences that ever assembled at a temperance rally welcome Mr. Wilson there.

THERE will be a joint meeting of the Sisters of Bethany and the Episcopal Guild Wednesday, May 27, 1908 at 2 p. m., at the house of Mrs. A. McKeown. Business of importance.

THE BEST INDEX TO PROGRESSIVE CIVILIZATION IS GOOD ROADS AND GOOD SCHOOLS. DO NOT FORGET TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE OREGON UNIVERSITY APPROPRIATION BILL, MONDAY, JUNE 1.