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WANTS NORTH BEND AND MARSHFIELD WATER SYSTEM

Mayor L. J. Simpson of North Bend Appoints Committee to Take Action.

JOINT MUNICIPAL SYSTEM IS PROPOSED

Asks Marshfield City Council to Appoint Committee to Cooperate.

At a meeting of the North Bend city council last evening, Mayor L. J. Simpson started a movement to secure an adequate water system for North Bend and Marshfield. He appointed a committee consisting of Edgar McDaniel, Dr. Bartle and himself to take the matter up with the Marshfield city council to work out a plan for a municipal waterworks system for the two cities.

The action was taken following a considerable discussion of the affair. North Bend has been anxious for some time to have something done about the waterworks but the council felt that North Bend alone could not handle the situation, but now that Marshfield is feeling a similar need, Mayor Simpson and the councilmen wanted to endeavor to cooperate.

In appointing the committee, Mayor Simpson stated they with a similar committee from the Marshfield city council were to confer with the Coos Bay Water company and ascertain the value of their property, the earning power and what the company would take for it. Also to investigate as to a source of supply adequate for all needs for the present and future of both cities and the probable cost of installing a municipal system for the two cities.

As a tentative plan, it was proposed that Marshfield and North Bend share in the cost and the earnings of the system in proportion to their assessed value or population, issuing bonds to defray the expense of installation.

The committee will take the matter up at once and probably secure early action.

Other Business.

Last night, the North Bend city council authorized Mayor Simpson to take up the matter of opening Tremont street with the Portland people owning the private property that will be effected. They consented to it once by a route proposed by J. M. Blake, but this was not agreeable to the Simpson Lumber company or the North Bend council. Now a different route has been agreed upon and will be submitted to them.

The council also agreed to have a bulkhead put in along the waterfront so that the marsh north of the box factory can be filled. The Simpson Lumber company agreed to furnish the lumber necessary providing the council would defray the cost of the labor. The Simpson Lumber company will also pay for the labor necessary to move the dredge pipes when the Oregon starts the work.

An ordinance establishing the grade on Stanton avenue between Washington and Maine was passed.

An ordinance providing for the sale of \$7,000 worth of special improvement bonds on Sherman, Maryland and Virginia avenues was adopted.

Mayor Simpson stated he was not ready yet to announce the appointment of the police.

The council decided to buy three or four roof ladders, a three-story extension ladder, twelve leather buckets and some lines for the North Bend Fire Department. They also decided to place the fire fighting paraphernalia in control of the fire department, the firemen claiming that the using of hose, etc., in cleaning the streets was detrimental to them.

WED LAST NIGHT.

Chas. Johnson and Mrs. Katie Lanegan, both of Marshfield were married by Justice Pennock last night. They will reside here.

BAR PICTURES OF FIGHT HERE

City Council Also Decides to Censor Films to Eliminate Immoral Ones.

The Marshfield city council last evening passed a resolution instructing the city attorney to draft an ordinance for the censorship of pictures shown in the moving picture houses of the city. The matter was brought up by the proposal to show the Jeffries-Johnson fight pictures here and incidentally the council agreed to prohibit the showing of the latter.

The matter was brought up by C. R. Peck who presented petitions signed by Marshfield people protesting against the proposed display of the fight pictures. Mr. Peck said that the petitions had been circulated by Rev. G. LeRoy Hall, Rev. J. Richard Olson and Dr. E. Mingus. Mr. Peck said that before appearing before the council, they had taken the matter up with Manager Bernell of the Masonic Opera House. After hearing their side of it, Mr. Bernell stated that he would be willing to comply with the petitions providing they would see that he was protected in that no other showhouse in Marshfield would be permitted to show them at some future time. Mr. Bernell said that it would cost him about \$375 to give up showing them here but that he wanted to give the people of Marshfield the best kind of entertainment and the kind they desired.

Mayor Straw wanted to know if Mr. Peck wanted the council to recognize and dignify the Johnson-Jeffries affair by passing a resolution prohibiting the showing of the pictures.

Mr. Peck said that while he was opposed to this specific picture, he thought all films ought to be censored as some of them were demoralizing to public morals.

Mayor Straw declared that he didn't want to honor any nigger by signing an ordinance or approving a resolution containing the nigger's name. Having been raised in Virginia and the south, Mayor Straw still retains the strong anti-negro sentiments of that section. Further, he declared that he didn't have any more respect for Jeffries than Johnson and declared the only way to fight a nigger was to hit him with a coupling pin. He declared that personally he would not stultify himself by going to see the pictures. He wanted to know if the petitioners did not desire a general ordinance for prohibiting demoralizing and degrading films, declaring that many such had been shown at the local playhouses the last six months.

Councilman Albrecht said he didn't think the Johnson-Jeffries fight pictures were half as bad in demoralizing a community as were many pictures shown in the local playhouses recently.

Councilman Coke wanted to know who should determine whether a picture was good or bad. So far as the Johnson-Jeffries fight pictures were concerned, he said the only thing he regretted was that Johnson didn't kill Jeffries. He said he was opposed to prize fights generally.

So far as protecting Mr. Bernell against any other moving picture house showing the fight pictures, Mayor Straw said that he personally would see that they did not.

So finally the general resolution without personally mentioning Johnson-Jeffries to bar demoralizing and degrading films was enacted.

The Breakwater will be in early in the morning from Portland.

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WIRE IS DOWN AGAIN TODAY

Western Union Out of Commission As Result of Storm In Mountains.

The Western Union Telegraph company's line has been out of commission since 4 o'clock yesterday and it is uncertain when service can be restored. Linemen are working at different points in hopes of finding the trouble soon.

Last evening, the first trouble was caused by the old source, the telephone wire breaking and crossing it between here and Summer. The telegraph and telephone company use the same poles, the telephone wires being strung on top and when a wire or insulator breaks, the phone wire drops down and puts the telegraph line out of business.

This morning, a lineman removed this cross but meanwhile the storm east of Summer had put the wire out of commission.

In consequence of the wire trouble, The Times is minus its regular Associated Press report today.

TO TAKE MEN ON TRIAL TRIP

Capt. Macgenn of Breakwater to Instruct Naval Reserve Divisions.

Capt. Macgenn of the Breakwater has arranged with Capt. Reynolds, navigating officer of the Oregon Naval Reserve, who is spending some time on the Bay to take the members of the Coos Bay Division out for a trial trip, fire drills and a short course of instruction in seafaring just as soon as the weather will permit.

This trip will be of much benefit to the local divisions, most of the members of whom have not had any seafaring instruction or experience.

Capt. Reynolds, whose home is at Portland, is enthusiastic over the local divisions and the way the people here are cooperating with them. The special services at the Swedish Lutheran church in Marshfield which they, with the Naval Reserve Band members, attended in a body last Sunday night was one of the beneficial features. This was arranged by the pastor of the church, Rev. J. Richard Olson who is also chaplain of the Reserves.

The members have also accorded a vote of thanks to Robert Mursden for entertaining them at a special moving picture show Monday evening.

DEATH AT NORTH BEND.

Mrs. Edwin L. Spalding passes away at Mercy Hospital.

Mrs. Mary L. Spalding, wife of Edwin L. Spalding, died at Mercy hospital in North Bend yesterday afternoon after a lingering illness of a complication of diseases. They recently moved from the Coquille valley to North Bend.

Mrs. Spalding was born in Iowa, December 24, 1866. Besides her husband, who is employed at the North Bend box factory, she is survived by four children, a sister in Iowa, a sister and three brothers in Montana.

The funeral will be held at 2:30 Thursday afternoon from Wilson's Undertaking parlors in Marshfield, the Rev. Father Springer officiating.

ONLY BON FIRE.

A big bonfire at Eastside Monday night attracted considerable attention in Marshfield and led to a report being circulated here that a residence there was burned.

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WIDE TIRES ON LOADED RIGS

Judge Hall Favors Enactment of Law to Require Them in Oregon.

Judge John F. Hall is cooperative with the Oregon Good Roads association in endeavoring to secure the enactment of a law compelling the use of wide tired rigs in this state. Judge Hall says that the heavily loaded, narrow tired vehicles are a serious menace to the roads.

The movement was launched at the good roads conference in Portland recently and that body is working for it. Besides this, Judge Hall has written Senator Chase and Representatives Pierce and Ruckleff to work for the enactment of a measure providing the width of tires to be regulated by the loads.

"The mail wagons on the old Coos Bay Wagon road are an instance of the narrow tire nuisance," said Judge Hall yesterday. "They have little narrow tires on those heavily loaded rigs and of course during wet weather they cut the road all to pieces and make it a mudhole almost without bottom."

FERRY TRANSIT WILL BE USED

Permission Given For Its Use In Assisting Fire Fighting.

Permission for the use of the Ferry Transit as an auxiliary fire boat for the Marshfield Fire Department was given by County Judge Hall last evening, Mr. Traver saying that the ferry would prove of great advantage to the department in giving aid to distant points. He stated that the recent fire at North Bend, when Marshfield was called upon for aid, was an instance. The department had to wait to get up steam in the Flyer and it took so long that they could not do anything. The Transit, having a gasoline engine could be started at once, and the fire engine, and other fire fighting equipment could be put aboard her.

Judge Hall stated that whenever the ferry Transit could be used in aiding fire fighting, it was at the disposal of the department, the only condition being that Capt. Hall and the regular engineer be called to run it.

Elect Officers.

At the annual election of the Marshfield fire department, Chief L. W. Traver and Assistant Chief D. D. Keating were reelected for the ensuing year. The report of the election was made to the council last evening and the selections were unanimously approved by the council.

FOR MERCHANT MARINE.

President Taft Delivers Address Favoring It.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25. — President Taft in addressing the delegates to the National Merchant Marine congress today declared that not only is this country ready for the creation of a merchant marine but congress had discussed the measure long enough to act on it promptly. The President said he hoped the presence of delegates in Washington would have effect in the immediate passage of some kind of legislation.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

Capt. Adam Donaldson, owner of considerable Coos Bay property and well-known here, passed Coos Bay yesterday on the steamer Grays Harbor en route from San Francisco to Aberdeen, Wash. He sent wireless message to Otto Schetter.

The Nann Smith and Redondo should reach here tomorrow from San Francisco.

THREE INCHES OF SNOW FALLS ON COOS BAY TODAY

GRAPHIC TALE OF SHIPWRECK

Capt. Malmgren of Lakme Relates Experience—Salvage Unknown.

As yet, the amount of salvage that the Nann Smith and Capt. Olson and crew will receive for saving the steamer Lakme off this coast has not been learned locally. Some estimate it will be about \$20,000 but this is merely a guess.

A special dispatch from San Francisco gives the following graphic story of the Lakme's wreck as it was told on her arrival there Sunday morning in tow of the Nann Smith:

Story of Disaster.

"Carried on the crest of a gigantic billow until it appeared to the shipwrecked men clinging to the forecastle head of the steam schooner Lakme that she would be dashed to pieces on Fox Rocks, the spiral that juts from the sea at the end of the reef running off Cape Blanco, the vessel drifted safely on before a 120-mile hurricane.

"It was the strangest freak of the elements I ever witnessed," said Captain William Malmgren, master of the wrecked vessel. "I thought that nothing would save us as we were hurled toward the sharp crags by the rushing waves, but when we were within 20 feet of the pinnacle of rock the sea sucked us back to safety. If we had struck there would have been nothing left of the Lakme or her crew."

Leaks Douse Fires.

"Chief Engineer Likens did not leave the fire room until the water banked the fires. Without headway the disabled steamer was at the mercy of the wind and seas, which continued to increase in violence. The Lakme settled slowly until the seas washed clear over her high deckload, which at last gave way to the strain and went over the side carrying with it the lifeboats. About 450,000 feet of lumber shot into the ocean and great masses of it were hurled back at the wallowing derelict by the waves.

Forecastle Only Safe Place.

"Wednesday night we passed, clinging to the forecastle, which was the only part of the vessel free from the wash of the seas," said Captain Malmgren. "The spray blinded us and we were drenched to the skin the entire time. We had some biscuits and prunes to eat, but no water for 26 hours. When we were hurled toward Fox Rock we thought our last moment had come. It was a long, terrible night there on the forecastle head. It was useless to speak, for we could not hear one another, and each man clung in desperation, with death staring him in the face.

"There was a slight moderation in the weather as Thursday wore on, but the sea was still very high. The steamer Watson came close to us in the afternoon and attempted twice to shoot a line aboard, without success. She left us after standing by for three hours.

"By the time the Nann Smith reached us, about 6 o'clock in the evening, the wind had dropped and the sea was comparatively smooth. They took us off in one of their boats without difficulty and secured the Lakme to their automatic towing machine."

The Lakme was anchored off the main dock and will probably be beached on the mud flats. Whether the old steam schooner will be placed in service again is a question, as her hull is badly strained and the engines considerably damaged.

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Heaviest Fall of "The Beautiful" Known Here In a Long Time.

FEAR IT WILL CUT OFF COMMUNICATION

Passengers Coming In On M. F. Plant See Lightning Strike Beach.

Coos Bay experienced one of the heaviest snowstorms today that it has known in a number of years. For more than two hours, the snow fell at a rate that made former easterners think of old time.

In all, about three inches fell. It was heavily saturated but it was cool enough so that it didn't melt very rapidly but still it didn't freeze, leaving the old fashioned "slush."

Snowballing was rampant again and owing to the snow being so wet, being hit by a snowball is almost like being hit by a rock.

It is feared that the storm will again cut off Coos Bay from the outside, the telegraph wires being down today and it will likely cause another delay in the mail service.

Following a thunder storm, the snow was most unusual and is exciting much comment from the older residents as to the peculiar turn the weather has taken here.

See Lightning Strike.

Passengers on the M. F. Plant while crossing in over the Coos Bay bar this morning had the novel experience of seeing lightning strike and witnessing its effect. The bolt struck on the sandy beach near the life saving station, across from Empire, and F. S. Dow who saw it says sand and gravel shot into the air a hundred feet. The lightning was accompanied by one of the severest claps of thunder that has been experienced here in a long time, thunder and lightning being rarities on Coos Bay.

FRANCHISE FOR HEATING PLANT

Confirmation of Wm. Grimes' Plan For Brick Block Is Given City Council.

Confirmation of the report that Wm. Grimes is going to erect a fine brick building at the southwest corner of Second street and Central avenue this spring came last night in application to the city council for a franchise for a central heating system to serve the proposed new building, the First Trust and Savings building, the new Coke building and the Chandler hotel. The application for the franchise was made by C. R. Peck in behalf of W. S. Chandler. Mr. Peck stated that Mr. Grimes would build this spring and that a central heating plant would furnish all the buildings at much less expense than the individual plants.

The franchise grants Mr. Chandler the privilege of extending pipes across the street underground connecting all the buildings in question. It provides that any damage to paving or walks resulting therefrom must be repaired by him and it extends for a period of fifty years. The franchise was granted by the council. An application for a permit for the First Trust and Savings bank to construct an entrance to the basement from the street was referred to the street committee.

Trouble Over Cess Pool.

Judge Hall appeared before the (Continued on page 4.)