

WILL FINISH STREET WORK

Donnelly Avenue Project to Be Completed—Council Proceedings.

The Marshfield city council last night made partial arrangements for completing the Donnelly avenue improvement by ordering Contractor McLain to fill in the street and lay the planking out to the curb line. Whether the sidewalk will be put in along the unimproved side of the street will be determined at the next council meeting.

The matter has been delayed for some time. When the work was originally done, the council decided that owing to the big fill it would be best to let the street stand through the winter without planking and then fill it again. This was done and of course the street has settled on one side considerably below grade. There will be a deficit on the street but by not putting in the sidewalk along the low side where there are no houses or no particular need of it, the council hopes to be able to complete the improvement without increasing this deficit any.

Some of the property owners will be asked to be present at the next council meeting to go over it and see if they will not approve the plan.

Other Business.
Mayor C. E. Jordan of Eastside was a visitor at last night's meeting. He was invited to speak but said he was not an orator whereupon Mayor Straw jokingly offered to have him given a few lessons in oratory when Councilman Copple returns from his vacation.

The ordinance providing for increasing the salary of Engineer Stutsman of the Fire Department from \$75 to \$90 per month was passed.

Geo. W. Tribbey was granted a sixty days leave of absence as plumbing, electrical and building inspector. Mayor Straw and the council tried to find some one to act as a deputy and thought of appointing Walter Richardson, but it was found that he resided outside the city limits. Then John Johnson of Ferndale was suggested but as it wasn't certain that he was fully qualified for the job, the appointment was withheld for a week.

The Elrod avenue contractor was ordered paid \$480 on his job and \$23 more was ordered paid on the storm sewer contract.

The monthly allowance of \$75 was ordered paid the Marshfield public library.

Councilman Coke said that he did not desire to make a final report on the city dump against which Councilman Ferguson and others are protesting. Mr. Coke asked that all the councilmen inspect the dump and see the conditions for themselves. Negotiations are now on whereby another dump may be secured that will not be offensive to anyone.

After allowing the current bills, the council adjourned to meet next Tuesday evening when the front street railroad franchise matter will come up.

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WATER WORKS IS UP AGAIN

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that the consumers would pay for just the amount of water they used. He said that he had been misunderstood about the charges under the meter system that his franchise provides but Councilman Coke, Councilman Ferguson, Councilman Powers and Councilman Albrecht declared he had not because he had been asked specifically about it. Then he said he must have been mistaken as it didn't mean what they said he had stated. Again he explained that he was not a franchise and water-works man and might not have known fully what he was talking about.

He then criticized the statement in The Times that the franchise might be unfair to the city for not specifying the value at which the city might take over the plant. He said it was to be fixed by appraisers. He regretted, he said, that an editor should, through lack of time in studying the franchise, erroneously inform the public about it. He then told of the awful squabble his home city of Omaha is in over a water franchise and attributed it to one of the papers there advocating the city taking over the plant at \$3,000,000 when the appraisers and courts held it was worth \$6,200,000.

Again he went back to the flat rate table of charges and tried to explain that it didn't mean anything because the company intended to change to meters. In case of the change to meters, he explained that the minimum charge for a place would be only \$1 per month instead of the way that others interpreted it.

Old Franchise Again.

Mr. Nolan also explained that he would be willing to figure on an extension of the old franchise on the conditions in it and only a slight raise in rates providing the company was not required to spend the whole \$50,000 or \$65,000 in improvements. He criticized the Seattle water rate as absolutely inadequate.

In conclusion he said that he wished it known that he didn't intend to try and slip one over on Marshfield, that he wanted to be fair and square and deal perfectly in the open. He said that while he had his own ideas on a municipal water-works, he did not want to antagonize it but that in case the people here didn't decide to take over the plant, he would like to get the franchise. He said he thought the people here knew a fair and square contract.

Mr. Jackson stated that Mr. Nolan had forgotten to explain that the new franchise provided for an increase in the hydrant rentals to \$3.50 per month and that the city was required to take ninety. He said that they did not want to be unfair about it and that the table of rates in the franchise didn't mean anything as the state railroad commission like in his own state in Wisconsin had the right to pass on them and lower them if they were unfair.

North Bend Franchise.

During the evening, Mr. Nolan explained that the franchise which the Coos Bay water company holds in North Bend is a perpetual one but that he was planning to offer them the same terms as Marshfield, providing he was able to do business here.

Councilman Coke wanted to know why a forfeiture clause had not been inserted in the franchise so that the city could impose a penalty for non-fulfillment. Mr. Nolan explained that the franchise provided it would not become effective until they had made the required improvements and that the city could withhold from the payment of hydrant rentals the monetary penalties.

Another question as to who was determine whether the water was pure was raised and Dr. Mings suggested that this specified and chemical analysis would determine it.

It was finally decided to invite members of the North Bend city council chamber Friday evening.

WOOL MAN KICKS.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 2.—President Taft received a long telegram from F. R. Gooding, president of the National Wool Growers' Association protesting against what he terms "The ill-advised wool bill," recently passed by the Senate.

NOTICE TO EAGLES.

Special meeting of F. O. E. Wednesday night at 8 p. m.
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EIGHT DIE IN ASYLUM FIRE

Ontario Insane Hospital Containing 800 Patients Is Scene of Disaster.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

HAMILTON, Ont., Aug. 2.—Eight lives were lost and many injured in a fire that partly destroyed one of the main buildings of the insane asylum here. There were eight hundred patients and only the well-trained fire fighting corps and the splendid coolness and bravery among the nurses and attendants averted a further loss of life.

There were four buildings on the asylum grounds. The main building where the fire occurred was a four-story brick, 200x70 feet.

The 350 women patients occupied the west wing of the building. The remainder of the building was taken up by the men's quarters and contained some of the most desperate cases in the asylum. The women were moved without serious difficulty. The situation among the men, however, was serious. Most of the men moved down three flights of stairs out of the fire zone in an orderly procession but a score driven to frenzy by the stifling smoke and excitement of the midnight fire fought off the rescuers in desperate fury. Three fled back into the flames after being rescued and some of the maniacs had to be knocked senseless before they could be carried out of danger. All of the dead were men.

FIRE IN MISSISSIPPI.

Negroes Have Narrow Escapes From Burning Insane Hospital.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

JACKSON, Miss., Aug. 2.—Fire in the Mississippi hospital for the insane here today damaged the wards of the negro inmates and resulted in a narrow escape of several of them. The flames were soon subdued.

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ADDITIONAL LOCAL

Married Today.—At the Methodist Episcopal church in Marshfield at one o'clock this afternoon, Miss Georgia Bennett of Allegany and Mr. Charles Smith of Eastside were united in wedlock's holy bonds. About a score of relatives and friends of the young people from Allegany and Eastside were present to tender congratulations and wish them a pleasant voyage on the matrimonial sea. The bride is a niece of Capt. Edwards of Allegany, and the groom a highly respected young man of Eastside where they will make their future home. The Times joins their many friends in best wishes for a happy and prosperous married life.

Fine Blackberries.—Mrs. Chas. Murr of North Bend has been receiving compliments from her friends on raising some of the largest blackberries of the season. Some samples brought to The Times office were more than 1 1/4 inch long and proportionately large in circumference. They are of the "Phenomenal" variety and are well named.

Hear Barbour Case.

C. R. Peck, J. W. Bennett and Bennett Swanton have gone to Roseburg to complete the trial of the case of the Merchant estate vs. J. H. Barbour. The taking of evidence in this case was begun a long time ago. The case involves a claim of Barbour to an interest in the Merchant estate property which was involved in the deals of R. A. Graham in Railroad addition.

NOTICE TO FRUIT GROWERS.

A meeting to arrange for the sale of Gravenstein apples will be held at 10:30 a. m. Saturday, August 5, at the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce. All growers are requested to attend. No further notice will be given.

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