

# DOINGS OF CITY COUNCIL

## CLASH ABOUT CITY ATTORNEY

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had not satisfied him and that he had started to look it up and upon consulting E. A. Anderson and W. B. Curtis who were on the council March 1, 1906, when the street was supposed to have been vacated, they had informed him that no such action had ever been taken by the council. He said he had seen C. A. Johnson about the matter and the latter was also pretty positive that the street had not been vacated. He said that Mr. Anderson told him that if the records showed that the street had been vacated, they must have been stuffed. Then, he said, he had asked another attorney for the opinion. He said it convinced him that the city needed an attorney to look after its business and not the company's. He said that when the matter was first brought up and upon Mr. Goss' statement, the council had dropped the matter.

Mr. Cople denied that he had acquiesced, saying that he had said nothing because he didn't think it was the proper time.

F. E. Allen said that now it was simply a question as to whether Goss or Hoy was right. He said that Mr. Goss had saved the city many dollars by ably handling the city's business and had done well. He said that he had used his connection with the other companies to the advantage of the city, he believed. He said that it might be all right to change if a suitable attorney could be obtained but that there were a lot of attorneys in Marshfield that he would not have transacted his private business and certainly would not want them to handle the city's business.

Mr. Cople said that he believed Mr. Goss fully capable and honest but that he did not think he could serve two masters. He said that the people had approved of him. Furthermore, he said when the question of opening South Front street through the Alliance warehouse was first brought up, he, after Mr. Goss had given his opinion, thought it best to let it go awhile, possibly until after an attorney was secured who might not be involved as Mr. Goss was.

Mr. Winkler rather berated Mr. Cople for waffling, saying the people had elected them to take action. Furthermore, he said in reply to Mr. Allen, that the time was now, was two or three years ago, to change attorneys.

Mayor Straw said that he did not think it was right to convict City Attorney Goss of bribery without giving him a hearing. He said that the C. A. Smith Company, or other clients of Mr. Goss had just as much right to suspect him of acting in the city's interests instead of theirs. He said that Mr. Goss was not a warm personal friend of his and while nothing would please him better than to fire him, he had never found a reason to do so; in fact, had found that Mr. Goss had rendered the city very good service. He said that he certainly should be given a chance to show that the accusations were wrong. So far as the cases or matters affecting companies which Mr. Goss was also serving, he thought that a special attorney could be hired. He said Mr. Goss only received \$75 per month from the city and on that salary was not to represent the city in Circuit Court.

Finally the matter was dropped, by referring the South Front street matter to the street committee to handle.

City Engineer Gidley stated that the strip of street involved extended through the Alliance warehouse to Anderson avenue and was about 125 feet long and 40 feet wide. According to the city map, the street was vacated March 1, 1906.

**For Free Speech.**  
An ordinance providing that before any one could deliver a speech, lecture or talk on any street, alley, park or public place in Marshfield, he must secure a permit from the mayor or be subject to a fine of from \$2 to \$50 or a sentence to jail at the rate of \$2 per day or both.

Mayor Straw said that he didn't know about the ordinance but that he thought that it vested too much authority in the mayor. He said the latter might be biased and not grant the permits fairly.

Councilman Albrecht said that he didn't think the city needed such an ordinance as the right of free speech was guaranteed by the constitution.

Councilman Winkler wanted to know who drafted the ordinance and where it came from. Recorder Butler said that he thought it came from the city attorney's office. Mr. Winkler said that he opposed it because he believed in the right of free speech. He said that by free speech he did not mean free abuse. He said that the right of free speech was guaranteed and that furthermore the state of Oregon and also the voters of Coos County had voted down a similar law. Furthermore, he said, it wasn't right for bosses to try to do what the people had said they should not do.

Councilman Cople said that he didn't think that this kind of an ordinance was needed, that it might only be harmful and that the present conditions could be handled better by ignoring it.

Councilman Allen said that he thought the officials had ample power at present. Mayor Straw suggested that in

the owner of the abutting property and the marshal or street commissioner. Finally, the ordinance was laid on the table.

**Liquor Ordinance.**  
An amendment to the Marshfield liquor ordinance was brought up. It provided for an amendment extending the ordinance to anyone illegally selling liquor, the old ordinance applying only to saloons and people connected with them, and fixed a penalty of fines from \$10 to \$100, fifty days in jail, or both for its violation.

Councilman Winkler wanted the amendment left over until the next meeting of the council so that he could study the ordinance and the amendment to it. City Recorder Butler said that it was desired to have the ordinance enacted last evening. Winkler opposed this, saying that he favored a square deal all the way around.

Mr. Winkler declared that if it was in his power, he would wipe out all the saloons but since they are legally recognized, he said that he proposed that they be given a square deal.

The other councilmen took the view that as long as the amendment did not change the ordinance but instead made it more drastic, it should be passed and it was adopted. Councilman Winkler voting no because he said that he had not had time to study it.

The Health committee was instructed to go ahead and purchase a house boat from Wm. Cox for \$190, which Dr. E. Mings recommended for a city post house. Councilman Cople said that a few months ago, Mr. Cox wanted \$300 for the boat house, but the committee thought this was too much. He said that \$190 was a reasonable price. The boat house is to be kept for emergency purposes and in case of any contagious disease will be towed to an isolated part of the Bay and anchored there.

**Water Proposition.**  
Councilman Winkler wanted a special meeting of the council called to consider the proposition of the Coos Bay Water Company to sell its plant for \$145,000 to the city. The matter was referred to the fire and water committee of the council at the previous meeting and they had not done anything. Mr. Winkler thought it had been referred to the council as a committee of the whole. Finally it was decided to have the fire and water committee meet with the water company Tuesday and let them report at the council meeting next Monday.

**To Change Assessments.**  
Final action on the Johnson avenue improvement was deferred last evening for another week to await an opinion by City Attorney Goss as to whether the plan of assessment for street improvements could be changed.

Councilman Cople said that the present plan worked a hardship on the owners of corner lots in Railroad Addition. Anyway, he said, that he thought the city as a whole should pay part of the cost of street improvements, either for the intersection or 25 per cent of the total cost.

Councilman Albrecht said that it was too late to start this plan now. He said that the down town property owners had paid for their own street improvements without help from the balance of the city and now it would not be fair to assess them for aiding the outlying property owners.

Mr. Cople said that if it was wrong, it was never too late to change. The opinion is generally that the present system will have to remain unless the city charter is amended. To amend the charter will require several months.

City Recorder Butler last evening held up all the pending street improvements, on which contracts have not already been let, so that all can be treated alike.

Last evening Louisa Abel presented a letter to the council asking that her name be stricken from the remonstrance of A. Wheat, J. C. Hanson and others against the improvement of Johnson avenue.

**Routine Business.**  
Plans for sewage systems on Fourth from Johnson to Golden and from Johnson to Kruse were submitted.

The Marshfield Electrical Contracting Company was ordered refunded \$8.30 on its annual license, not having taken out a permit until four months of the year had elapsed.

A petition signed by a large number asking for the establishment of a market place in Marshfield was referred to the finance committee.

The council adjourned to meet May 19.

**Councilman Merchant and City Attorney Goss, who are attending court in Coquille, were the only city officials absent last evening.**

**RANDOLPH ON RUN.**  
Under Charter for Rogue River for Rest of Year.

The Port Orford Tribune says: "The Randolph, which was in Port Orford harbor last week will be on her way from Astoria to Rogue river, was loaded with cannery supplies for the Wedderburn Trading company. When interviewed on the subject, Captain Anderson said that it was his understanding that the company intends shipping in 11 Chinamen for expert cannery work, a number that he thought should not be objected to in view of the fact that there is certain work about a cannery which it is next to impossible to get white men to do and that more or less Chinamen are used in the various canneries along the coast. Captain Anderson also stated that he has contracted to run to Rogue river all summer for the Wedderburn company, and that he will make regular stops at Port Orford landing freight."

place of leaving the granting of the permit to the mayor, it should be left to at least three persons, the mayor,

## WATER FRONT PROBLEM UP

### Committee to Ascertain Cost and Manner of Clearing it—Deny Permit.

The waterfront committee of the city council was last evening instructed to ascertain the probable expense and the best means of clearing the waterfront of the old shacks, the plan being to leave a strip forty feet wide inside the harbor line, clear of buildings. The committee is to report at the next meeting of the city council.

Incidentally, the council held up the permit in which Councilman Ferguson was asking for temporary improvements in his warehouse.

The matter provided a rather acrimonious discussion. Mr. Ferguson asked for the report of the waterfront committee, to whom his application had been referred at the previous council meeting. Councilman Albrecht said that the committee stood pat, that they opposed allowing any changes or improvements whatsoever along the waterfront.

Ferguson said that he wanted to appeal from the committee's decision. He said that he didn't think that the city should play the dog in the manger stunt. He said he would agree to remove all improvements just as soon as the city was ready or able to clear the waterfront and said that he would do all in his power to get the waterfront cleaned up. Meanwhile, however, he thought that it was only right to keep the places looking halfway respectable and not allow them to rot down.

Councilman Winkler was opposed to allowing any improvements of any kind in the buildings, saying it would be a bad precedent.

Councilman Cople said that he felt the same way about it, that the council had refused similar permits to the McPherson, Gliner people and Norton & Hansen to fix up their warehouses and it would not be right to give a member of the council a right that had been denied others.

Mr. Ferguson said that he did not want to be treated differently from others. He said that he offered to sign any agreement that the city might fix about the removal of the buildings when the waterfront was cleaned up, similar to the permit given Robert Marsden to erect a small building in the rear of the Breakwater.

Mayor Straw said that he thought Mr. Ferguson should be given a permit the same as the others but he didn't have time to make much of a talk, being called from the meeting.

City Engineer Gidley said that the forty-foot strip along the harbor line would not include any of the permanent buildings. He said that if it was to be opened, the principal item of expense would be the extension of the wharves to the harbor line.

Whether the abutting property owners will have to pay for this extension of the wharves or whether it would have to be done at once is the problem for the committee to work out.

### PATSY IS REPAIRED.

**Gasoline Schooner Ready to Operate on Run of Anvil.**

A Portland paper says: "After having undergone minor repairs, the gasoline schooner Patsy, was lowered from the Oregon drydock last evening. Some work was done to her stern bearings. With a general cargo, the craft will leave for the Slough tonight. She was placed on that run recently, or following the going ashore of the Anvil, which was plying out of here on that route."

## We're Going to Be Careful

not to get too rich. Stop, think of the trouble Carnegie is having getting rid of his money. Imagine, if you can, how too much money is worrying old John D. While we're not in business for purely philanthropic purposes, we are not in it for our health, either, as that is fairly good.

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**FIXUP**

TWO STORES.

Marshfield—North Bend

## LET CONTRACT FOR DREDGING

### Port Commission Awards Big Job to Seattle Firm for 12 Cents Per Yard.

The Port of Coos Bay Commissioners last evening awarded the contract for dredging the inner harbor channel to a depth of 25 feet for a width of 150 feet from the Smith mill to the sea to S. H. Fredges, of Seattle, presenting the Puget Sound Dredge and Bridge Company, for 12 cents per yard. The estimated yardage is 1,844,377 so that the contract will aggregate about \$216,000. The work is to be started within 60 days and completed within 15 months.

There were three bidders on the work. L. Korshaw, of Tacoma, bid 13.3 cents per cubic yard for the work and 18.3 for the extra work at North Bend, where it will be necessary to pump the dredgings to a height of about 15 feet to make the fill desired by the Southern Pacific. He also offered, if the starting of the work could be postponed five months, to reduce his bid to 12.9 cents per cubic yard.

J. H. Parker, of the Standard American Dredging Company, of San Francisco, bid 13 1/2 cents per cubic yard on the straight contract and 16.5 cents per cubic yard on the Southern Pacific fill at North Bend.

The contract provides that the work shall start within 60 days and be completed within 15 months. It is understood that only one dredge will be used but it will be operated about 24 hours a day.

In addition to the dredging, a large amount of bulkheading will be required for the project. While the dredge can pump the dirt 2500 feet or more, it is the intention to keep most of the pumping within 1200 feet.

The Port Commission plans to require, in many instances, where extra work is entailed, to make the property owners pay for the work which will reimburse them partly. The Southern Pacific, for instance, at North Bend, will be expected to pay considerable for the fill they get there.

Then there is the South Broadway area in Marshfield, which is to be filled and which will be required to pay for the work.

**Jetty Work.**  
Even then the contract will cost a big hole in the money from the \$200,000 bond issue and whether there will be enough money left to do much with the Jetty project is now a proposition. There will probably be enough to do the preliminary work and get it started if it was certain that Congress this fall would appropriate the amount necessary to complete the rebuilding of the Jetty. However, that will be worked out soon.

**Dredge Oregon.**  
The dredge Oregon is expected here late this summer from Grays Harbor which will make a second dredge for the inner harbor work.

Just when the Oregon will be put to work will be determined later. It may be that the Oregon will be used to dig out the turning basins opposite Marshfield and North Bend or possibly on the upper end of the Bay as the filling of McKay street and other Eastside property back of the harbor lines will probably be desired, making an easy pumping distance for the Oregon.

**South Slough Matter.**  
The petition of South Slough residents to the Port Commission to dredge a new channel near the mouth of the slough was presented. The work will cost about \$3,894. It will have to be taken up with the government before the Port Commission can do anything with it.

The proposition of the North Bend council to change the harbor line in front of that city to eliminate the curve in the city dock was considered and L. J. Simpson was requested to take the matter up with the United States engineers.

### DEVICES NEW BUOY.

**Master of Breakwater to Have New Navigation Aid Made.**

The Portland Telegram says: "Arrangements are being made by Captain T. J. Macgenn, master of the steamer Breakwater, for the construction of a new type of gas and bell buoy, which he designed and had patented some time ago. He says he first will try to make a deal with a buoy building company, and if it does not take hold of the matter he will take other steps to have one of them manufactured. His type of gas and bell buoy is pivotally mounted and he declares that it always will stand in an upright position, despite the action of wind and wave. The gas buoy on Clatsop Spit, he asserts, is out of commission more than two-thirds of the time, occasionally going clear under water. The skipper had a model of his new type of buoy built last fall.

"Captain Macgenn reports that bonds in the sum of \$300,000 have been sold by the Coos Bay port officials and the money is now available for beginning the reconstruction of the Jetty down there. Half of the amount will be expended on that project. J. S. Polhemus, assistant United States engineer, is expected to have charge of the work."

### NOTICE.

There will be a special meeting of the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock for the purpose of entering into contract with the Southern Pacific Company for their co-operative plan of advertising. All members please be present.

D. C. GREEN,  
President.

## PRACTICE THE ECONOMY

### YOU PREACH



These newly arrived suits cover the entire range of the season's models — Norfolk, plain tailored, cutaway, Balkan blous — all the fashionable fabrics; colors from navy to lightest tan and blue.

Priced, \$12.50, \$15, \$18.50, \$20 and up to \$37.50

### Women's Smart Coats

Unquestionably the most desirable collection of late Spring and Summer Coats to be found this side of Portland, consisting of the newest and smartest models shown this season, especially adapted for street, outing, motor, river trips and traveling wear.

Priced \$10, \$12.50, \$15, \$16.50, \$20, and up to \$37.50.

### "Money Talks"

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O'Connell Building,

Phone 361

## MARKET NEWS OF THE WEEK

## HECETA HEAD KEEPER WEDS

### Southern Oregon Strawberries Now on Market—Prices of Vegetables and Fruit.

PORTLAND, ORE., May 12.—The Telegram says: Oregon strawberries have come. The initial shipment for the season, a small one came in from Gillford, in Douglas County, and in the market today these berries are retailing at 25 cents a box.

Further shipments of the grown article are expected within the next few days, but it will be some weeks yet before anything like liberal quantities of the best of all strawberries can be counted on. Meantime the consumer will have to be satisfied with Californias, and the quality of the latest arrivals from the southern state is such as to afford little ground for complaint.

Really fine Florin Dollars now are to be had at 20 cents a pound box, or two boxes for 35 cents, while Jesses from the same source are going at 19 to 25 cents a box. To date even the supply of Californias has been rather meager, but heavier shipments from the South are assured the coming week.

The market on other fruit remains practically the same as that of a week ago. The dealers report a fair trade in apples, but the interest in Oregon's staple fruit is waning and will shortly give way altogether to the new Spring and Summer offerings. Extra fancy Winter Bananas are to be had at \$3 a box, while other high-class sorts are going at \$2 to \$2.50. Common to fair apples are retailing at 15 to 30 cents a dozen.

Fancy oranges hold firmly at 40 to 60 cents a dozen. Florida grapefruit is available at two for a quarter. Bananas are in the market all the time at 20 to 25 cents a dozen.

Oregon asparagus has been in the market in a small way for a week, and the latest arrivals of the stuff show the usual high quality. The best is selling at two big bunches for a quarter, while other grass is going at 10 to 12 1/2 cents a pound. The prospect is for liberal supplies of home-grown asparagus the coming week, and probably lower prices.

Rhubarb, another Oregon product, has been much in evidence all the week, retailing at four pounds for a dime. Artichokes from the South are selling at three for a quarter.

New potatoes of fine quality are available at four pounds for a quarter, green peas at 12 1/2 cents a pound, Bermuda onions at three pounds for 25 cents and cucumbers at 20 to 25 cents apiece. Cabbage for the time is one of the firm features of the market, the best selling at five cents a pound.

In the fish market there is a good general display, with Chinook salmon from the Willamette and Columbia the feature of prominence, selling at 15 cents a pound. Steelhead salmon holds at 12 1/2 cents a pound, catfish at two for a quarter, silver smelt and black cod at

### Capt. Beck Tells of Plans of Isolated Employee—Hard Trip to This Section.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 12.—After patiently waiting until he was given of a permanent job in the service of Uncle Sam, the third assistant keeper of the Heceta Head Lighthouse, one of the most inaccessible stations along the Oregon coast, will marry on Oakland, Cal., girl this summer.

Henry L. Beck, inspector of the Seventeenth Lighthouse District, just returned from an inspection trip down that way and told of the approaching nuptials this morning.

A new school house will be built on a corner of the Heceta Head Lighthouse reserve this summer. Although the station is in an isolated section two of the keepers are married and have seven children of school age, a sufficient number to permit of a school being maintained there under the state law.

While on his official trip Inspector Beck tried almost every mode of transportation conveyance in practical use except an airship. He went from Portland to Coos Bay on the steamer Breakwater. From there he proceeded by rail to Coquille, embarked on a river steamer at the latter point for Bandon. By team he went to Cape Blanco. He returned to Marshfield and took a stage to the mouth of the Umpqua River, walking two miles of the distance through sloughs.

Reaching the Umpqua, he got into a rowboat and covered a portion of the distance to Gardiner, finishing the trip in a gasoline launch. He took a river steamer back to Gardiner. Beck inspected the stations at Cape Blanco, Coquille River, Cape Arago, Umpqua River and Heceta Head, and he reports that he found all of them in good condition. He saw the gasoline schooner Anvil, which is ashore at the mouth of the Sluauw. He says she is out to sea 100 yards high tide, but during low tide is high and dry.

two for 25 cents, flounders at 10 cents and sturgeon at two pounds for 25 cents. Shrimps, crabs and lobsters are selling at last week's prices. Razor clams are to be had at 10 cents a dozen.

Poultry prices continue rather high, best hens and year-old chickens selling at 25 cents a pound, while broilers and fryers are going at 40 to 50 cents a pound. Young ducks hold at 30 cents.

### MINISTERS IN OVERALLS GET OVER AND HUSTLE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 12.—Ministers in overalls and blue denim jumpers invaded Takoma Park, a suburb, today, and began preparing the huge encampment that will house the thousands of delegates to the thirty-ninth general conference of the Seventh Day Adventists.

Clergymen high in the councils of the denomination drove stakes, hammered on temporary stands and prepared flooring for the tents that will dot the encampment ground when the sessions begin, next week.

The conference, which will draw delegates and members from several countries as well as from the United States will convene tomorrow, May 15, and continue to June 8.