

DOINGS OF CITY COUNCIL

WATER HEARING HERE FRIDAY

Oregon Railroad Commission Wants All Evidence About Marshfield Water Service

The Oregon Railroad Commission representatives will arrive here next Thursday night or Friday morning to hold a hearing here regarding the Coos Bay Water Service. The hearing will open at the City Hall Friday morning.

This information was received yesterday by Acting City Attorney Kendall from City Attorney Goss, who has been attending the Portland hearing. Mr. Goss urged that every resident of Marshfield, who has any well-grounded complaint about the water service, the quantity, quality, pressure or lack of service, to notify City Recorder Butler, Mr. Goss' office or to be present next Friday morning to tell their story. The Commission will not wait for witnesses, but will expect everyone to be present when the hearing opens to make his complaint.

The Council will probably have a number of witnesses present, but they wish every property owner who is affected by the water service to be present Friday morning and volunteer evidence.

Kicks on Shed.

Claude Nasburg entered a protest against a shed which Contractor Johnson was erecting near Broadway and Fir streets in North Marshfield. He said that he, Chas. Noble, Noris Jensen and other residents did not wish an unsightly building occupying the street there. He was told that Mr. Johnson had been given only a temporary permit and that the street committee would notify him to remove it.

To Pay Doane.

J. T. Harrigan, in behalf of the merchants' patrol, asked that J. C. Doane, their patrolman, be again placed on the salary list of the city as Doane had been reinstated as a special police officer. Mr. Doane's appointment was cancelled some months ago by Mayor Straw and the monthly allowance of \$20 was cut off. After a brief discussion, it was decided to again pay \$20 toward the special night watchman's salary and Councilman Albrecht suggested that a police and judicial committee be appointed to define the duties of Mr. Doane so that there would be no further mixups. Mr. Harrigan said that the contributions to the fund only amounted to about \$70 per month unless the city subscribed. The salary is to date from June 1.

Routine Business.

G. W. Kaufman was given special permit to grade Anderson avenue east of Tenth street, along his property, the work having already been done in compliance with the city engineer's supervision.

The finance committee was instructed to invest about \$1000 of the refunding bond fund in special improvement bonds.

City Engineer Buckingham's suggestion that an additional stringer be put in the North Front street elevated roadway was referred to the street committee with power to act. Contractor McLain of the Terminal company is now moving the street west of its present location so that the Terminal Railway will have the east side of the street and be offered to strengthen the bridge as desired for about \$80.

More Fire Hydrants.

City Engineer Buckingham reported that there were no fire hydrants on North Front street from the Wolcott corner to his home in Ferndale. When the street was improved, the old hydrants were taken out and none had been reinstalled. This leaves 12 blocks without any hydrant fire protection.

The fire and water committee was instructed to have some hydrants installed there at once. The city has two new hydrants on hand besides some old ones, but Councilman Albrecht said that the old ones, having four-inch connections, were no good for that place.

Routine Business.

The assessment for the intersection of Hall and Broadway was ordered annulled because it has been decided to leave the old planking there until Broadway is improved. Contractor Johnson was ordered paid \$850 on his Hall avenue job. Mr. Johnson is now making good progress with the work and will shortly begin the reconstruction of the South Seventh street bridge, material being assembled for it.

Councilman Albrecht reported in favor of buying A. B. Gidley's transit for the city for \$200 and the City Attorney was instructed to draft the necessary ordinance.

NOTICE.

Parties having milk bottles belonging to the Coos Bay Ice & Cold Storage Co., will please return them or notify manager so that they can be called for. Phone 73.

STREET WORK TO BE BEGUN

Contracts for About \$45,000 Worth to be Let by Council June 30—Other business.

On June 30, the Marshfield City Council will award the contracts for about \$45,000 worth of street improvements. This is only part of the municipal work that Engineer Buckingham now has under way and a number of sewage systems and street improvements that will be ready later.

Last night the assessment for the improvement of Tenth street between Ingersoll and Johnson was adopted. The north part of the street will cost \$3233 and the assessment will be \$3.05 per front foot, while the central portion will cost \$2016 and the assessment will be \$2.40 per front foot. The south part from 50 feet north of Kruse avenue to the south line of the city will cost \$5,115.92 and the assessment will be \$5.08 per front foot. The intersection of Johnson avenue will cost \$600 and of Kruse avenue \$762.

The final action was taken on the Johnson avenue improvement also. From Second to Seventh it is to be hard paving and from Seventh to Tenth planking. The cost of paving will be \$11,340 and the assessment \$4.46 per front foot and from Seventh to Tenth, will be \$3,437 1/2 per front foot. Four street and ten alley intersections will cost \$5266.90 additional, making the total cost of the street about \$16,700.

The final action was also taken for the improvement of Eleventh from Golden to Ingersoll at a cost of about \$500.

The grade on Ingersoll was ordered established between Second and Eleventh streets. W. F. Squire, who owns some property on the street, is figuring on erecting some houses there.

Plans for sewage systems on North Front street, on Broadway between Central and Mill Slough and on South Seventh street near Johnson will be ready for action the next meeting. Bids on Fourth street, Hemlock and others will also be called soon.

To Keep Police.

After a brief discussion last evening the Council decided to retain the extra special police and the extra engineer for the fire department until after July 4.

The Council, after a committee of the whole with the City Attorney, to talk over the coming water hearing, held a session as a "star chamber session;" no one except city officials being permitted to be present.

Clear Waterfront.

The old question about clearing the Marshfield Water front came up again last night. Chairman Albrecht of the Water Front committee, said that the committee wanted to report that the committee was in favor of not granting any more permits for new buildings or repairs on the waterfront, but as soon as the present buildings there become useless for the city to condemn them and clear the sites.

Councilman Ferguson said that he wanted to hear the city attorney's opinion on it first. He said that he either favored clearing the waterfront now or to permit the property owners to utilize their property, making agreements that when the city got ready to clear the waterfront to take the buildings off. He said that he did not believe in permitting the buildings to become more disreputable in appearance. He said that he feared the present ordinance affecting the waterfront was not valid.

Councilman Cople said that he favored improving it on condition that when the city is ready to clear the waterfront, the owners of the buildings will remove them without expense to the city.

Councilman Winkler asked Building Inspector Tribbey if he was aware that Mr. Ferguson had recently made improvements in his building on the waterfront. Mr. Tribbey said he was. Winkler wanted to know what Tribbey would do if he found Mr. Johnson or somebody else violating the building ordinance. Tribbey replied that in work like Ferguson had done, he would do nothing because attorneys informed him that the city ordinance prohibiting repairs was not legal.

NOTICE.

The water will be shut off at all points in Marshfield and North Bend between the hours of 9 and 11 p. m. on Wednesday, June 18, 1913, for the purpose of connecting up new pipe on the main line.

COOS BAY WATER COMPANY.

SHORTS, \$1.25 AT HAINES.

DIFFER ABOUT PAVING WORK

Wood Block and Hard Paving Splits South Broadway Property Owners.

A discussion of the paving of south Broadway last evening at the city council resulted in a rather spirited discussion between the supporters of the wood blocks and the hard paving. Dr. Taggart led the fight for hard paving, while Hugh McLain was the representative of the wooden blocks. Dr. Taggart presented a petition signed by J. T. Harrigan, A. E. Neff, Hagelstein estate, Mrs. S. E. Painter, H. C. Noble, S. C. Rogers, H. W. Painter, Chas. Noble, E. W. Wright and Gow Why and himself favoring hard paving. He said it was cheaper, would last longer and was more sanitary than the wood blocks. He said that if the C. A. Smith company wanted to experiment with wood blocks, there were plenty of places for them to do this besides this important street.

J. T. Harrigan made a long talk in favor of the hard surface paving and against wood blocks.

Hugh McLain talked in favor of wood blocks, saying that even Portland was putting in wood blocks on Fourth street there in preference to the hard paving. He said that he was to put in the wood blocks here for the C. A. Smith company and the latter was to guarantee the paving for five years, as long as the law would permit them.

Dr. Taggart's petition, City Engineer Buckingham said, lacked fifty feet of representing as much property as the C. A. Smith company had signed up on the property for wood blocks on South Broadway between Central avenue and Mill Slough. Hugh McLain said that I. S. Kaufman and Gow Why had also signed up for wood blocks. W. S. Chandler and others have not signed up for either kind.

Dr. Taggart said that he had been informed that hard paving would be put in for about \$2.15 per square yard, but others thought the price had gone up. Hugh McLain said that he could not put in wood blocks for that price. Finally, it was decided that tentative bids would be asked on both kinds.

Councilman Cople wanted part of the street wood blocks and part hard paving to compare the two.

Councilman Albrecht said that he would insist on treated blocks because the others were not sanitary.

Finally, it was left open until next Monday night, when the two forces will probably have in new petitions.

Dr. Taggart said that more than half of the property on Broadway between Mill Slough and Hill avenue had signed up for hard surface paving as soon as the street is filled by a dredge. He said the planks there were fairly good yet and it was not costing much for repairs and he said the property owners could not well afford to rebuild it now.

Clean Up City Hall.

The City Council last evening decided to keep the City Hall in a more orderly condition and instructed Chairman Ferguson, of the street committee, to arrange for janitor service. The entire building, office rooms and halls, is to be swept out at least once a week and occasionally scrubbed and the floors oiled.

Mayor Straw Absent.

Mayor Straw was absent again last evening. He has missed several meetings recently and it has been several weeks since he was present and remained throughout the meeting.

Councilman Allen was absent last night, not having returned home from Albany and Portland.

The Council adjourned to meet again next Monday night.

HACKER MAY RETURN.

Former Coos Bay Resident Tires of Southern California.

I. Hacker, a former well known Coos Bay resident, thinks of returning to Coos county, as will be seen by the following letter received by Henry Sengstacken from Pasadena, California:

"I have lately swapped some San Diego lots for a place here, have a nice home, but we are talking of putting it on the market, and of going back to Coquille. The old home has strong attractions for us. If it gets too hot a little later, I will board a vessel for Coos.

"We have three-fourths of an acre with seventeen varieties of fruit and nuts, and the trees are loaded, with the peaches and apricots could be distributed among my Coos friends.

"I have two big almond trees packed full; will have barrels of nuts. Give love to Mrs. Lockhart, best wishes to all."

FLORENCE ATHLETIC CLUB.

Organization Effected Among Young Men of City.

FLORENCE, Ore., June 16.—Last Wednesday night quite a number, who were interested in the matter, met in Brynd's hall in Florence and organized an athletic club.

The following officers were elected: President, J. L. Pourtales; vice-president, A. O. Knowles; secretary, Urban Shrode; treasurer, J. W. Bergman.

Three committees as follows were ordered and named: Location, J. L. Sanborn, Dr. Mearl Fox and P. S. Rice. On equipment, Dr. Chas. Johnson, G. A. Hayes and R. C. Wygant. On by-laws, Melvin Miller, E. S. Dyer and A. O. Knowles.

DAVIS HEIRS' AGENT HERE

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that he ever parted with the half interest which the Southern Oregon Company is seeking to secure without any compensation whatever. We think they will be pretty busy for some time getting away with it, for we have the financial resources and the evidence to fully establish our legal and equitable title to all of the property in controversy. It is a plain case on the part of the Southern Oregon Company of trying to get something for nothing. We do not believe they will succeed. While I am instructed to protect the right of the Davis heirs to the fullest extent, I want to say that there is no disposition on our part to take the slightest advantage of any innocent purchaser for value. My principals have a reputation throughout the entire Northwest for square dealing. Their universal practice is to do what is fair and just. They have never taken advantage of any man. Their money has been dug out of the ground. There is neither blood nor tears on any part of it.

"I learned since my arrival, that there are a number of persons occupying land in the Clement plat who have purchased the property in good faith and have improved it at large expense. To each and every one of them I can say that nothing is farther from our thought that to attempt in any way to disturb them or cause them any trouble or expense.

"We will, at the conclusion of the pending litigation, file such quit claims as may be necessary or desired by the residents of North Marshfield to fully protect their rights and remove any cloud on their title, and we neither ask nor expect the slightest consideration therefor. We will, however, fight the Southern Oregon Company to the last ditch for they now have, and at all time since they have been claiming the same, have had absolute knowledge of the rights of the Davis heirs. These rights they will be compelled to respect. We do not want anything that is not equitable as well as legally ours. We want to deal as men with men—giving to every man his due and receiving like measure. I can assure every claimant in good faith of property in the Clement plat that he has nothing to fear from the Davis heirs or from any decision in the pending litigation. On the other hand, I can assure the Southern Oregon Company that before they can bury the interest of the Davis heirs they will have to explain a great many of their acts which seem to us absolutely inconsistent with the course of honest men in the possession of property rightfully theirs."

MILL SLOUGH TITLE PROBLEM

Private Ownership of Mouth of it Delays Plan to Move Ferry Landing There.

That the city of Marshfield has no right to start in and construct a ferry slip at the mouth of Mill Slough, according to the maps and deeds affecting it now on file, was the report of City Engineer Buckingham to the Council last evening. Mr. Buckingham had been instructed to prepare plans and specifications for the new ferry slip, but stated that on looking up the records, he found the city apparently did not have any right to occupy the mouth of the stream, and suggested that before he goes to the expense of preparing plans and estimates, the legal department determine whether the city has any rights.

He said that while the state of Oregon in 1910 had ceded its rights in Mill Slough to the city, it was only a quit-claim deed. Prior to this, the state had ceded the property to the abutting property owners and the title now rests in the C. A. Smith Company and the Southern Pacific. The only beeway was as to the establishment of harbor lines. The government in establishing the harbor line, did not turn up Mill Slough, but simply left a gap about 100 feet wide at the mouth of the slough, where it did not establish the harbor line at all. He said that the mouth of the slough therefore afforded a fine place for a ferry landing if the city could gain the title to it.

Councilman Winkler thought that Mr. Buckingham had submitted a legal opinion as to the city's rights in the slough instead of plans for the ferry, but Mr. Buckingham said that he simply reported on the conditions as he found them in looking up the engineering records affecting the mouth of the slough.

Mr. Winkler said that to refer to the City Attorney simply revives the old trouble about the same attorney representing the city and the C. A. Smith Company. Finally the matter was referred to the waterfront committee with authority to engage other legal talent besides the City Attorney if they deemed it advisable.

Mr. Buckingham said that it had been suggested to him that in case Congress passed a bill giving the city full authority over Mill Slough, the city stipulate before allowing the upper part of the slough to be filled that the mouth of the slough be ceded to the town.

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SENGSTACKEN IS PRESIDENT

Marshfield Man Honored With Highest Office of Oregon Title Men's Association.

Henry Sengstacken returned yesterday afternoon from Portland, where he was elected president of the Oregon Title Men's Association at its annual convention. The honor is quite a marked one to Mr. Sengstacken as well as to Coos county.

The association closed a two day session in Portland Saturday evening with an informal banquet at the Commercial club. The retiring president, Charles H. Wieder, of Albany, served as toastmaster, introducing a number of the members of the association as speakers. The following officers were elected to serve during the ensuing year: President, Henry Sengstacken; first vice-president, Arthur R. Watson; third vice-president, W. C. Saunders. There was a good attendance from nearly all counties in the state, and the meetings were interesting and enthusiastic.

Mr. Sengstacken while in Portland, also attended the Banquet given by Manager Ala D. Katz, of the Mutual Life of New York, on the 12th, in the parlor of Hotel Portland. Nearly all the agents and field men of Oregon were present. A great many ideas were exchanged at this meeting and the results no doubt will be fruitful to the company and agents. The manager was highly complimented by all for his square, broad gauge, and business-like dealing.

Road Improvements.

Concerning the Myrtle Point road, Mr. Sengstacken said today:

"Douglas county is not making good on their Middle Fork wagon road promise. I just returned from Portland via Roseburg and Middle Fork Coquille, and found the road in very fair condition, except the piece in Camas mountain situated in Douglas county, of about ten miles, on which piece apparently no work has been done this season, and the ruts are wheel deep, and in worse condition than any piece of road in Coos county, in fact, the condition of the road, without any further information, plainly indicated where the Coos county line crosses the road.

"There is a short piece of road in Coos county, on the road from the Douglas county line to Rock Creek, that needs some repairs to put it in shape for automobile travel, but a crew of men are now working on this, and it will be finished in course of a week. But there are no indications of any work on this Douglas county piece mentioned, and it is time for Douglas to wake up, if it is to communicate by good road with Coos, otherwise the travel will go via Drain, on which road good time is made by automobile.

"I made the trip from Scottsburg to Drain in less than three hours, and it took thirteen hours to make the trip from Roseburg to Myrtle Point. It is up to Douglas to get busy."

For Harbor Work.

Mr. Sengstacken had quite a conference with Major Morrow and Capt. Polhemus relative to harbor work. He urged that the dredger Michie be hastened to completion so that it could be tried out during good weather. Major Morrow said that the builders had to pay a penalty of \$150 per day for every day's delay after early in July and beyond this they could not do much to hasten them.

Major Morrow did not inform Mr. Sengstacken that the dredge Oregon was to be sent to Toledo.

Mr. Sengstacken got quick action on the plans for the work proposed by the Port of Coos Bay, that is the dredging of a 150-foot channel from the Smith mill to the sea to a depth of 25 feet and the blue prints were sent here to Engineer Charleston to check over. They can be approved at Portland and so all the preliminaries for starting the dredging will be out of the way soon.

STRANGE CASE MARSHFIELD BOY

Cavour Helming at His Grandfather's Home and Never in Portland Jail.

Mrs. Roy Moore, mother of Cavour Helming, says that her son is living with her father, Charles Helming, in Georgetown, a suburb of Seattle, and has been there ever since leaving Marshfield, going there there without any delay. She says that the statements published in the Portland papers and republished here are without foundation in fact, and that the only manner in which an account for it is that he is a victim of the clever impersonation of some other boy who assumed Cavour Helming's name.

Mrs. Moore states that Cavour did not run away but was sent to grandfather's home by herself. She gave him the money to pay fares and accompanied him to the boat when he left. That just as he had time to get to Seattle, the quickest route she had from her father that he had arranged and also a letter from Cavour Helming of his trip. He secured a job in the where has been working every day and makes his home with grandfather, Charles Helming, in Georgetown, a suburb of Seattle, and is coming from his home daily. She states that if he had admitted any depositions in Portland, the police could find his name, that he did not, and if any of the acts were committed they were some one who impersonated Cavour and falsely used his name.

WHISNANT IS NAMED.

Former North Bend Newspaper Editor Appointed.

The following from a Portland paper will be of interest to the Coos Bay friends of Mr. Whisnant, formerly of North Bend Harbor: "A Whisnant of The Timberman, a member of the Concatenated Order of Hoosiers, his appointment as vice-president of the northern district of the Snark for the northern district of Oregon. Mr. Whisnant is just returning from an illness of two months, but upon receipt of his appointment said he would see to it that a five day concatenation is staged from the end of the Hoosier year, which in September and he has already begun making tentative plans for the event.

"I want to see the members together for a real reunion," said Whisnant, "and now that I have been appointed Snark I am going to see every Hoosier to give his lay to the port for a big meeting." The Hoosier is composed of lumber manufacturers and dealers and kindred interests and has a large membership in this state. The feature of the concatenation is the initiation of new members into the order, which is popularly known as the Order of the Paper Cat."

PROFIT IN DAIRYING.

Albany Rancher Sets \$100.00 Profit per Cow.

ALBANY, Ore., June 16.—Dairymen are making a profit of \$100.00 per cow during the month of May is the record established by the Albany ranch, owned by the McClain brothers, of Tallman. These four cows, three of which were first calves, which they produced of butter fat, which they sold for \$75.16. They reside on the farm of J. W. McKnight, county judge of Linn county, and of George McKnight, county judge of Marion county.

DIFFERENT.

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