

DOINGS OF CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL ARGUE ABOUT "VAGS"

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saloonkeepers for selling them liquor to get them drunk. He said that this was the twentieth century and he was surprised at Kendall suggesting such a thing.

Mr. Kendall said that Mr. Winkler had a beautiful theory but conditions could not be met that way. He said it was a problem of what to do to enforce the law.

Mr. Cople said that he thought it would be a good thing to provide some means for making the offenders work. He said it would be a good thing for the drunks because it would get the alcohol out of their systems and by keeping them at work they would not be drinking. Then he said it would be a blessing to make some of the hoboes do some work. He said that in some instances, he would favor hiring two policemen to stand over the man and see that he did work.

"I thank God that I don't have to work for Mr. Cople if those are his views," burst out Mr. Winkler. "I have a different idea of Christianity, ty."

Mr. Ferguson said that Mr. Winkler's theory was all right until some tramp came to his house and scared the wits out of his wife and then he would think something else.

Mr. Albrecht said that there was some truth in what Mr. Winkler contended. However, he said the thing to do was to go after the higherups. He said it was common sense about many violations of law here and that the police should go after these violators and the city attorney prosecute them.

Mr. Kendall said that all that was needed was evidence and that the city attorney would prosecute any complaint that Mr. Winkler or Mr. Albrecht might bring in.

Mr. Albrecht said it could be secured by getting the right man. Mr. Allen said that he was not in favor of hiring a rascal to catch another rascal. He said that they had one experience in this line and the detective they recently planned to hire had been arrested and fined \$200 for gambling.

Mr. Albrecht said this was all right, that the arrest of the detective had shown that gambling was going on.

Mr. Cople said that he was ready to vote money or authorize a special committee to take charge to correct any wrongs.

However, it was nearly 12 o'clock and the council adjourned without doing anything.

For North Bend.

Councilman Allen suggested that Marshfield ought to have a good representation at the North Bend celebration. He said that North Bend had always been loyal to Marshfield and that the courtesy should be returned.

There was some joshing about who should pay for an auto to take the members of the council to the North Bend parade. Mr. Albrecht said that he was willing to walk and would not even be ashamed of walking with Councilman Ferguson.

"Well, Ferguson would be ashamed to have you," retorted Mr. Ferguson.

Nothing definite was done about it. Mr. Winkler urged that some action be taken before the celebration to insure proper representation.

Fight S. P. Injunction Case.

Last evening just as the city council was opening bids on South Fourth street, Sheriff Gage appeared and served an injunction against improving South Fourth street between Kruse avenue and Coal Bank Inlet. The S. P. secured it.

The council went ahead and awarded all the contracts except for that section. Later, the city attorney was instructed to fight the injunction vigorously. Councilman Albrecht said that heretofore, when any objection to street improvements, they were termed knockers, squareheads, etc., and now when a big corporation was fighting one, he wanted to see what would be done. Furthermore, he said that it was believed by many that the courts were against the poor man and in favor of the rich and by trying this case out, he said it might be decided. Councilman Cople said that he didn't believe this about the courts. Mr. Albrecht said that he didn't either so far as Coos county is concerned.

Routine Proceedings.

Renewals of saloon licenses were granted to the fifteen saloons in Marshfield last evening. There were no changes in ownership.

Chas. Powers, Dr. Leslie and John W. Motley were appointed viewers for the Seventh street sewer.

The city engineer was instructed to establish a grade on Second street north to Elm, John W. Motley petitioning it so that he could determine the elevation for the new home which he will build there.

Claude Nashburg asked that the grade be established on Second street north of Elm. He wants the street planked also.

Mr. Bailey was ordered refunded overcharge on his electrical license.

Councilman Winkler wanted to know what City Engineer Buckingham had \$300 worth of help doing during the month of June and Mr. Buckingham explained that with \$45,000 worth of street improvements let last night and a large amount more on hand that it took help to establish grades, etc.

SWEDISH LUTHERAN LADIES will serve DINNER from 11 to 2 and SUPPER from 5 to 8 JULY 2 and 3 at the church parlors. ALL COME.

FIREMEN AND POLICE PLAN

Council Has Warm Discussion Over Proposed Increase and Merging of Duties.

After a lively debate over the proposal to engage a second paid man for the Marshfield fire department and have the two engine men of the fire department act as desk sergeants of the police department, the matter was referred to the Fire and Water committee to report on at a later meeting.

The matter was brought up by Fire Chief Dan Keating. He said that a resolution of the fire department about the matter should have been filed with the recorder. He said that the firemen had decided against hiring a paid chief, were opposed to having the engineers act as policemen but wanted the council to allow the chief of the fire department to appoint a second engineer.

Councilman Ferguson who as chairman of the street committee had reported in favor of the new plan said that the report had been made for the purpose of having the matter discussed. He said that there was no reflection on the present chief or on the fire department but was merely to do what was best for the city.

He said that one idea was that if there was a policeman or desk sergeant at the city hall who could keep a record of every arrest, etc., and could with the patrolman who brought in offenders count the money on his person, it would remove the charges of grafting against policemen. He said that men who were arrested for drunkenness sometimes thought that they had more money than they did and then when released were knocking about the police. He said a second man at the city hall would eliminate this.

He said that L. W. Traver had been suggested for the place because he had formerly been fire chief and had been praised by the firemen and all. He said that he wasn't sure that Mr. Traver would take the position but that if he would, he thought it would be well.

Councilman Albrecht said that he did not have the slightest word to say against Traver but that he was opposed, as were all the firemen, to any "dog in the manger policy." He said that the fire department had been given their own management and that it wasn't right to take it away. Furthermore, he said that if a man had charge of the fire engine, he should not be out on the street making arrests. He said that Engineer Stutsman only the other day had wheeled a drunk down the street to jail in a wheelbarrow.

Councilman Winkler said that all Marshfield appreciated the bravery and efficiency of the firemen and he for one was opposed to doing anything that the firemen did not wish.

Councilman Ferguson said that it was not the intention to have the engineers do patrol duty but to merely have police power for duty around the city hall, to keep the police record and have police power on the fire lines.

Mr. Ferguson said that he didn't think it was right to expect a man to work seven days a week and 24 hours a day like Stutsman has been working. City Recorder Butler said this was wrong as the night policemen have been firing the fire engine at night.

Finally it was suggested that the matter be referred to the Fire and Water committee. Councilman Cople made some remark about being away next Monday and when he heard this, Councilman Albrecht wanted an immediate vote on the proposition. He said the firemen wanted to know where they were at. He said he did not want any dog in the manger policy.

Mr. Cople said that if he was referring to him, he would tell them quickly where he stood. He said that last week he had opposed hiring a paid fire chief and doing anything without the approval of the firemen. However, he could not see any reason why the engine men could not do a little police duty at the city hall and help out the city. He said he didn't want to interfere with the firemen, because as volunteers, he thought they should be free to govern themselves but from the paid men he thought the city had a right to expect such service as the council desired.

Mr. Albrecht said that the firemen had tried to be as efficient as possible and did not want to have any inefficiency of the police department shouldered on to them.

However, when it came to a vote on the matter of referring the proposition to the fire and water committee, all voted in favor of it except Mr. Albrecht.

BUILD NEW ROAD.

Smith-Powers Company Changes Highway Near Myrtle Point.

Last week Elbert Dyer, Taylor Siglin, of Marshfield, and A. N. Gould of Coquille, composing the board of road viewers, inspected the road recently built by the Smith-Powers Co. adjacent to the newly constructed railroad, and found same an excellent piece of work.

When the railroad was constructed, it was found necessary to use a portion of the wagon road on South Fork and the new road built was in lieu of that cutaway. Mr. Dyer says our county authorities might assimilate some valuable pointers by following the work. The roadbed is full 24 feet in width, hills cut down and grades established, making a permanent piece of work.—Bandon World.

Times' Want Ads bring results.

STREET WORK CONTRACTS LET

City Council Awards About \$45,000 Worth—Outsiders "Pinched" by Awards.

The Marshfield City Council last evening awarded the contracts for about \$45,000 worth of street improvements. The work was awarded as follows:

South Eleventh Street—Bridge to Hagquist and Bjorquist for \$2270; plank roadway to Johnson & Larson for \$1,24; wood curb to Perham & Gidley for 14 cents; grading to Perham and Gidley for 29 cents.

South Fourth Street—Bridge Elrod to Golden to Perham & Gidley \$2131; concrete curb to Warren Construction Company for 36 cents; wooden sidewalk to Perham & Gidley for 30 cents; bituminous paving to Coos Bay Paving and Construction Company for \$1.48; earthwork Hall to Golden to Moon & Barelay for 31 cents; elevated roadway 250 south of Hall to Perham & Gidley for \$897; earthwork Hall to Kruse to Warren Construction Company for 33 cents.

Johnson Avenue—Plank roadway to Johnson and Larson for \$1,24; wood curb to Warren Construction Company for 10 cents; concrete curb to Warren Construction Company for 36 cents; sidewalk to Perham & Gidley for 30 cents; bituminous paving to Coos Bay Paving and Construction Company for \$1.48; earthwork from Second to Seventh to Oregon Paving and Construction Co. for 32 cents; earthwork Seventh to Tenth to Perham & Gidley at 34 and 39 cents.

Hemlock Avenue Redecking—To Perham & Gidley for \$745. The other bids were: Johnson & Larson, \$753.40 and Hagquist & Bjorquist, \$847.

Most of the jobs were let on the unit basis.

Outside Bidders Pinched. The awarding of the contracts was attended by some unusual scenes, some of the bidders not wanting the contracts after they had got them.

Two of the bidders were outside concerns, one being the Oregon Paving and Quarry Company and the other the Warren Construction Company.

After the bids had been read the representatives of the Warren Construction Company asked that his bid be not considered. He stated that their bidding clerk had made a mistake in reading the specification and had bid \$2.08 per square yard on the paving, thinking they had asked for heavier work. He said that they did not want part of the contracts.

The Oregon Paving and Quarry Company's representative made a similar statement, saying that he had bid under a misunderstanding. He said he had just found out that the work was not awarded as a whole but the work was to be parceled out to the low bidders on each item. He said that unless they got considerable work they could not afford to come in and do small jobs.

Hugh McLain objected to the bids being thrown out, declaring that the bidders should have known what they were doing before they submitted the bids. He said that local contractors had to take the work as it came and that he was not in favor of letting these men off.

F. P. Norton Took Same View. Councilman Winkler said that if the contractors had made a mistake the council should allow them to correct it. He said that the council had allowed Contractor Wilson to correct an error in a bid recently and that he favored treating the new men alike. It was pointed out that Mr. Wilson's error was of a different nature.

Finally when it came to awarding the contracts, the Oregon Paving and Quarry Company representative offered to pay the next lowest bidder the difference between his bid and theirs if the Council would award it to the next bidder. Contractor Barelay objected to this change and said that then he would forfeit his five per cent guarantee. He would have been out \$95 by paying the difference, but by forfeiting his check he will lose only \$50.

The Warren Construction Company representative pointed out that they could hardly afford to bring in a crew or equipment for a little work here. He said that they bid low on some items expecting to make it up on others. It was pointed out that they would get over a mile of curb. He said that if they were doing the whole job that the curb could be put in at 36 cents per lineal foot at a profit, but to do it alone would be a loss.

After talking it over the Council decided that they could not let off any bidders without nullifying the whole business.

Decided by Coin. One award was decided by "lot." Hagquist & Bjorquist and Perham & Gidley having bid the same on the wood curb on Eleventh street, Engineer Buckingham furnished the coin. Councilman Ferguson flipped it and Mr. Gidley, who had called "heads", won.

On another contract the Warren Construction Company and Oregon Paving Company tied for low bid and neither wanted the contract. It was for curbing and finally the Warren Construction Company man said he would take it as he had other work to do.

Mayor Straw said that the Warren Company had been trying for two or three years to get in here and that they had been given

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the work. The latter retorted that Marshfield probably wouldn't be bothered again by the Warren Construction Company if this was the kind of treatment they were going to get. South Fourth St. Bids. McLain & McLain—Elrod to Golden, \$2727.80 for 250 south of Hall, \$1000 and from Kruse to Coal Bank Inlet \$2720. Bituminous paving \$1.63 per square yard, concrete curb 58 cents per foot, and six-foot sidewalk 40 cents per foot. Hagquist & Bjorquist—Elevated roadway Elrod to Golden, \$2315, from Hall avenue 258 feet south \$990 and sidewalk 31 cents per lineal foot. F. P. Norton—Earthwork between Hall and Kruse 46 1/2 cents per cubic yard or \$455.7 and sidewalks 29 1/2 cents per lineal foot. Moon and Barelay—Earthwork north of Hall avenue 31 cents per cubic yard and between Hall and Kruse 49 cents per cubic yard. Coos Bay Paving and Construction Company—Bituminous paving \$1.48 per square yard and concrete curb 43 cents per lineal foot. Oregon Paving and Construction Co.—Elevated roadway from Elrod to Golden \$2877.66, from Hall avenue 250 feet south \$1145. Earthwork from Golden to Hall 31 cents per cubic yard and from Hall to Kruse 39 cents per cubic yard. Bituminous paving \$1.52 per square yard, concrete curb 37 cents per lineal foot and sidewalks 38 cents per lineal foot. Johnson & Larson—Elevated roadway Elrod to Golden \$2484.40 and Hall avenue to 250 feet south \$988.75. Elevated roadway Kruse to Coal Bank Inlet \$2754.75. Sidewalk 38 cents per lineal foot. C. R. Planagan.—Earthwork Golden to Hall 32 cents per cubic yard. Warren Construction Co.—Elevated road Elrod to Golden \$2850, Hall avenue to 250 feet south \$1075. Kruse to Coal Bank Inlet \$2750. Earthwork from Golden to Hall 32 cents per cubic yard and from Hall to Kruse 38 cents. Bituminous paving \$2.08 per square yard, concrete curb 36 cents per lineal foot and sidewalks 56 cents per lineal foot. Perham & Gidley—Elevated roadway Elrod to Golden \$2231. 250 feet south of Hall \$897. Kruse to Coal Bank \$2324. Earthwork from Golden to Hall 38 cents and Hall to Kruse 47 cents. Concrete curb 48 cents and sidewalks 30 cents. Johnson Avenue Bids. Oregon Paving and Construction Co.—Earthwork from Second to Seventh 32 cents per cubic yard and Seventh to Tenth 19 cents for excavating and 19 cents for fill. Concrete curb 36 cents, wood curb 12 cents, plank roadway \$1.85 per lineal foot, sidewalk 38 cents per foot and bituminous paving \$1.52 per square yard. F. P. Norton—Earthwork from Second to Seventh 39 1/2 cents per cubic yard and sidewalks 37 1/2 cents per lineal foot. Perham & Gidley—Earthwork way \$1.74, wood curb 17 3/4 cents and elevated roadway \$2907. Moon & Barelay—Earthwork 3 cents per cubic yard. Hagquist & Bjorquist—Earthwork 33 cents, wood curb 14 cents, plank roadway \$1.45 and elevated roadway \$2270. McLain and McLain—Wood curb 20 cents, plank roadway \$1.42 and elevated roadway \$2728. Levi Helmsner—Earthwork 3 cents per cubic yard. WED FIFTY YEARS. Parents of Mrs. Bennett Swant Celebrate Golden Wedding. The following dispatch from Forest Grove concerning the parents of Mrs. Bennett Swanton will be of interest here, Mrs. Swanton and children being at Forest Grove for the summer: "Mr. and Mrs. William Abernethy celebrated the 50th anniversary of their wedding Tuesday. "Mr. Abernethy is the only son of the late George Abernethy, Territorial Governor of Oregon. Mrs. Abernethy is a daughter of the late William H. Gray, who was a missionary associated with the Marcus Whitman expedition. She was born near Salem. "Mr. Abernethy is a pioneer of 1840. He was born in New York and has the distinction of holding the oldest pioneer badge in Oregon. "They have 19 children living and 19 grandchildren."

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