

DOINGS OF CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL VOTES FIRE LIMITS FOR PROPOSAL ARE CHANGED

C. A. Smith's Proposition to City is Approved by Unanimous Vote Last Night. Final Boundaries Are Fixed Following Report of Fire and Water Committee

C. A. Smith's proposal to dedicate to the city a strip of land thirty feet wide for a continuation of South Front street to the property of the Coos Bay, Roseburg & Eastern Railway Company, along the west side of the right-of-way recently acquired by the Willamette Pacific, and to provide for extensions of Anderson and Curtis avenues, with a street to the harbor line just north of Elrod avenue, was submitted to the City Council last evening in writing. The project met with the unanimous approval of the members, but it was decided by the Mayor, and approved by the Councilmen, that he should see what could be done to secure a right-of-way across the Willamette Pacific tracks for the new street to the harbor line before signing the ordinance.

The proposal of C. A. Smith, or the Marshfield Realty and Trading Company, was similar to that outlined in The Times of Saturday last. This was in effect as follows:

**What is Proposed.**  
The Marshfield Realty and Trading Company proposes to dedicate to the city a strip of land thirty feet wide bordering the west side of the Willamette Pacific right-of-way from the south end of Front street in E. B. Dean & Company's second addition to the city, to the north boundary of the property now owned by the Coos Bay, Roseburg & Eastern Railway, the company reserving the right to build side tracks, an elevated road, switches and whatever may be required which will not interfere with the strip as a public highway, and to dedicate strips of land immediately east of Anderson and Curtis avenues across Broadway to connect with the strip mentioned; also to dedicate for street purposes at the southerly end of the strip, a section of land fifty feet wide from Broadway to the harbor line, except across the strip heretofore deeded to the Willamette Pacific, and to grant free right-of-way for sewer or drain across the lands of the company near Mill Slough for a period of eight years, and a free right of way for a drain or sewer across all lands of the company from the terminus of Anderson avenue to the harbor line, in lieu of the sewer first mentioned and within eight years as specified. This proposal provides that the city waive its claim to interest in the E. B. Dean & Company's second addition.

**Right-of-Way Granted.**  
The question of whether the Willamette Pacific would be willing to grant a right-of-way across its tracks for the street to be constructed across the southern end of the property engaged the attention of the City Council for a considerable period. It was finally decided to leave the matter up to Mayor Straw, who will interview the railway officials and find out their stand on the subject. City Engineer Buckingham stated to the Council that he had talked with Willamette Pacific officials on the right-of-way and said they would be agreeable, in his opinion, to allow a crossing over the line.

**Fill Ordinance Passed.**  
An emergency ordinance declaring Mill Slough, in the city between Ninth street South and Eighth street South, and the waters of Coos Bay a nuisance, and requiring it to be filled, a suitable drain installed therein and granting permission to the owners of the property adjacent to the slough to fill the same and install the said drain by private contract, to be paid for by the owners in, on and abutting the slough, was passed by the Council. The time limit fixed for the improvement was six months.

The plans and specifications of City Engineer Buckingham for the filling of Mill Slough and providing for a sewage system were inspected

Changing the boundaries of the fire limits in the city from those proposed in a recent ordinance, the City Council instructed the City Attorney last night to draw up a new ordinance fixing the fire limits so as to prevent the construction of frame buildings in the business section. With a few changes, the boundaries chosen were those selected by the fire and water committee, as reported by Councilman Winkler.

The proposed boundaries are as follows:  
From the center line of Alder street and the harbor line west to Broadway south to Highland avenue, thence west on Highland to Fourth street South, on Fourth street to Anderson, east on Curtis to Second street, south on Second to Elrod avenue, east on Elrod to Broadway, north on Broadway 100 feet to the new street proposed at the south end of E. B. Dean & Company's second addition, thence to the railroad right-of-way, thence north to Central avenue, east to the harbor line and north to the place of beginning.

**Bond Issue Approved.**  
An ordinance providing for the issuance of \$4117 of improvement bonds as an emergency for unpaid assessments was passed by the Council.

There was considerable discussion over the advisability of purchasing an auto chemical engine, but no action was taken, the general decision being to find out if the streets where planked and bridged will stand the pressure of a heavy machine being driven over them at a rapid rate.

An ordinance providing for the improvement of Eighth street North between Hemlock and Date, were ordered drawn up.

Bids were opened for the raising of Hall avenue between fifty feet east of Second and 100 feet west of Second; Curtis street, between Second and Fourth; Bennett avenue from Fourth to Sixth; Broadway from Hall to Johnson; Golden avenue from Broadway to Fourth, and the contracts for all of the jobs were awarded to Larson & Johnson as the lowest bidders. This firm tied its bid on the tearing out of the roadway on Curtis avenue from Second to Broadway with Haquist & Blorquist, and the contract was awarded the latter.

**Wants Grade Established.**  
C. F. McKnight appeared for the Willamette Pacific Railway and asked that the grade from the south side of Central avenue on Front street to the Alliance warehouse be established. A motion to establish the grade was passed by the Council.

On the recommendation of the City Engineer, a number of street improvements recently completed were accepted, the Council adjourning until next Monday night.

by the members of the Council and passed.  
An ordinance declaring all lots, blocks and parcels of land lying west of Broadway street South in Marshfield and east of Ninth street South, north of Donnelly avenue, east of Eighth street North and south of Commercial avenue, the surface of which is below the level of high tide, to be a nuisance, and ordering the abatement and filling to be made by private contract, the cost to be a lien upon the property, and declaring the situation an emergency, was passed by the Council.

**NOTICE TO FARMERS.**  
There will be an important meeting of The Farmers' Union No. 66, at Finnish Hall Saturday December 20, at 10 a. m. All farmers and their wives are urged to be present. Ladies please bring baskets.  
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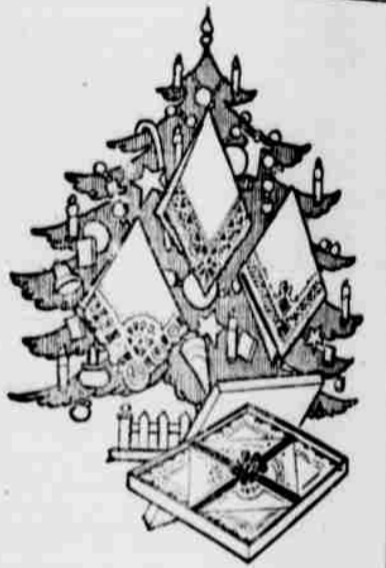
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Message Cast Into South Slough Waters Picked up on Beach Near San Diego.

A remarkable tale of a "note in a bottle" came up this week when a stranger came into the Shamrock barber shop on North Front street with a note which he said he had found in a bottle that he picked up near San Diego. He did not give his name, but the note was self-explanatory. It seems that it was written, put in an empty bottle and thrown into South Slough last spring by a picnic party as a joke. Here is the note, which Lee Vandermark, who works in the barbershop, copied:  
"To Whoever Finds This Bottle—We drove to South Slough, back of and near Empire, Oregon, from Marshfield in an auto. Are having a good time, only forgot our lunch, but not the outfit. Mrs. Luther Barnidge, Mr. Snyder and party. Please let us know where you pick this up."  
That the bottle could have been carried so far in such a comparatively short time is rather remarkable.

AMONG THE SICK.

A. Y. Myers has just recovered from an attack of la grippe that would have made the man who discovered the grippe think that he didn't have anything at all.  
N. H. McMillan, manager of the Union Meat company, who under-

went an operation for appendicitis at Mercy Hospital, is getting along fine and was able to return home yesterday.

A. P. Owen has been under the weather the last few days, an attack of illness compelling him to cut short his stay at his South River home.

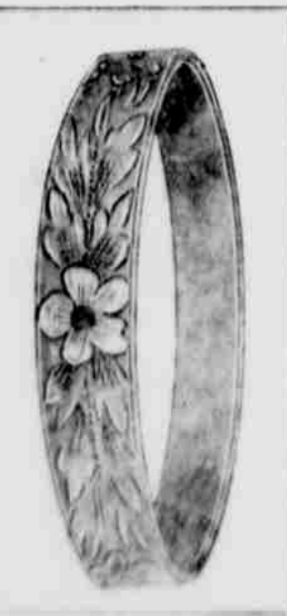
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