

DOINGS OF CITY COUNCIL

WANT TO STOP GAMBLING HERE

Council Instructs Police to Use Rigorous Methods—Raise Saloon Licenses

A general crusade and cleanup of undesirable and transgressors was launched at the meeting of the Marshfield City Council last evening.

Councilman J. Wright Wilson brought the matter up by declaring that a number had complained to him of gambling being allowed to go on here. Further, he said that members of the police force had spoken to him and wanted to know how far the Council wished them to go to break up the games. He said that recently five policemen had heard intimations of gambling in a house and tried to get in but found the door barred. For the time being, they decided not to try to force the door.

Councilman Ferguson said that so far as he was concerned he was in favor of the Council backing up the police to the limit and having them put an end to any unlawful proceedings.

City Attorney Goss said that during the last few months he had received three or four complaints about gambling. In each case the complaint was made by the loser and he was unable to get evidence to back up the complaint. To go ahead and try it, he said, would be putting the evidence of one man against several and the result would be anything but a conviction. He said that about the only way he knew of to break up "social gambling" that is going on in Marshfield and every other town in the county would be to hire a "stool pigeon" and he did not like this idea very well.

Councilman Ferguson said that the next time the police found a door barred and they were confident of gambling going on inside, he wanted them to get an ax or two and open the door.

Other members of the Council expressed themselves the same.

Mayor Allen said that he had recently notified the police to compel the Greek resorts to close at midnight. He said that they had been keeping open until late in the morning and he wanted it stopped.

Councilman Albrecht wanted the police to take more strenuous steps to wipe out the "blind pigs."

Raise Saloon Licenses.

City Attorney Goss was instructed to draft a new ordinance raising the saloon license from \$800 to \$1000 per year. Councilman Wilson was of the opinion that they ought to be raised to \$1200. He said that the license was to raise revenue and he could see no objections to making it \$1200. Councilman Albrecht thought that \$1000 was enough for the next six months and that then it might be raised to \$1200. The proposed raise is to be effective July 1.

The Council decided that Bill Smith, the plumber, was not entitled to a rebate on his plumbing license as he claimed that he had been working here most of the time this year.

The Council adjourned to meet next Tuesday night, Monday being a legal holiday.

WILL TALK OF SOCIALISM

Mrs. Jessie Mapes Eagan will address local body tonight.

At the Finnish Hall tonight, Mrs. Jessie Mapes Eagan, of Marshfield, will deliver an address to the local Socialists on "The Other Half of Socialism." The regular weekly meetings of the local body are given over to discussion and debate of educational and economic subjects, the members alternating in the leadership.

BAND DANCE, EAGLE'S HALL, FEBRUARY 21.

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COUNCIL BUYS FIRE ENGINE

Places Order for \$9500 American-LaFrance Motor Combination Engine

At a meeting of the Marshfield City Council last night, it was voted to purchase a triple combination hose, chemical and auto fire engine for the city. The Council selected the American-LaFrance which will cost \$9500. The engine is to be delivered in about 120 days.

The selection of the type of engine followed the opening of bids on three different kinds. The bids were:

American-LaFrance triple combination, six-cylinder, 100-horse-power hosecart, chemical and fine engine. It weighs 8440 exclusive of 1000 feet of hose which it carries.

Arenz-Fox—Same type engine but weighing 14,520 pounds, for \$10,500.

Knox—By Nelson Iron Works, weighing 14,010 pounds, for \$9,350.

After bids had been opened, Mayor Allen wanted to know whether the Council wanted to wait a week and see if other bids came in and also to investigate. Councilman Albrecht said that the Council, as a committee of the whole, with Fire Chief Dan Keating, could decide in fifteen minutes. He said that they had been waiting two or three years and wanted to get action. Fire Chief Keating took the same view.

Councilman Ferguson wanted to know about the terms for paying for the machine. It was stated that one-fourth was to be paid on the acceptance of the machine, and the balance in equal installments each year for three years.

Mr. Savage, representing the A. G. Long Company, of Portland, which sells the American-LaFrance, and J. S. Lyons, of the Nelson Iron Works, made little talks on some of the merits of their machines. Savage was formerly fire chief at Salem.

Finally the matter was submitted to a vote and all of the Council voted for the purchase of the American-LaFrance engine, which Fire Chief Keating and Councilman Albrecht recommended.

Streets Accepted.

City Engineer Buckingham reported the following streets completed and the Council ordered their acceptance and the contractors paid the amounts estimated as due them by the city engineer:

Hemlock avenue bridge, Johnson & Larson, \$816.87.

Johnson avenue from Second to Fourth, sidewalk, Perham & Gildley, \$1150.10.

Bennett avenue from Fourth to Sixth, Johnson & Larson, \$118.75.

Second from Elrod to Johnson, Johnson & Larson, \$694.64. Street Commissioner Lawborne's force did considerable of this and were allowed about \$300 on it which will go to the city.

Part of the work was for raising streets to bring them above the dredge fill.

A rebate of \$388.29 was ordered paid to the property owners who had been assessed for the construction of the sewer on South Fourth street and Kruse avenue.

The ordinance providing for the payment of \$562.50 to Robert Marsden, Sr., for his water rights in the city park was passed and Mr. Marsden given until June 1 to remove the water tower, etc.

A resolution approving an agreement with the C. A. Smith company to remove the wooden sewer built along the Mill Slough drain box to carry the Third street sewage was passed. The sewer is to be changed to Anderson avenue within three years.

ADOPT RULES ON CITY DOCK

Council Regulates Use of Public Landings and Slips by Boats

The City Council last evening adopted a new ordinance regulating the use of city docks, slips, etc. It provides that all vessels shall have free and equal use of them, with the exception that U. S. mail boats be given right of way and that all other boats on the signal of five blasts shall make way for them. It also provides that boats shall not remain moored there longer than necessary for loading or unloading and in no instance shall remain tied to it for more than two hours. A fine of not less than \$5 or sentence of not more than thirty days in jail is provided for a violation of the regulations.

Heckela Asks for License.

Harry G. Hoy last night asked the Council for an expression as to whether they wanted to grant Andrew Heckela a new saloon license or to take away the Coos Bay Liquor company's license and restore it to Heckela. He claimed that a couple of years ago when the wrangle between Heckela and the Coos Bay Liquor company started that the Council promised to restore the license to Heckela if he established his right in court. He said that in the case decided recently, Heckela's right to the place had been established and that he had been awarded \$100 by the court for being wrongfully dispossessed of the property. This he considered sufficient for the return of the license so that Heckela could resume business. He said he understood that the Coos Bay Liquor company had transferred the Brewery saloon to another party and if they did not wish to work hardship on an innocent purchaser and as the town had grown considerably, they would just as soon be allowed a new license.

There was considerable discussion on the matter, the Council taking the view that Heckela had not yet fully established his right to the Brewery saloon, the license of which had been changed.

It will probably come up at next meeting, Hoy said that he had a case pending for the recovery of the saloon, or rather the fixtures, as they did not want the lease. He intimated that if the Council waited until the matter was all settled that Oregon would be vested dry first.

Mayor Allen said that the Council was opposed to granting any additional liquor licenses.

Save Cathcart's Trees.

S. B. Cathcart was present and pointed out that unless steps were taken soon that his garden, fruit trees, shrubbery and other trees would be ruined by the dredge Seattle's fill in the north arm of Mill Slough. He also doubted the ability of the old dredge pipe to hold up as a drain for that section. He wanted a wooden drain similar to that put in the main slough constructed.

City Engineer Buckingham explained that the wooden drain would cost over \$1700, which was considered too expensive, as the dredge would not be able to fill the district up to grade. Furthermore, he said, that the Port Commission had not decided how far out the fill was to go.

Finally the city engineer was instructed to take the matter up with the Port Commission and see what could be done to protect Mr. Cathcart from serious loss. Mr. Cathcart said that he would not object to a little overflow and the loss of his garden this year, but he did not want to have his trees killed.

Raise Central Avenue.

The city engineer was instructed to have the Central avenue elevated roadway from Fourth street to near Sixth street raised about a foot or so in order to be above the dredge fill. The Masonic opera house and M. E. church are to be bulkheaded off so that the fill will not damage them.

The Commercial avenue bridge will be slightly inundated during the fill, Mr. Buckingham said, but it will not be sufficient to warrant raising it as the mud can be shoveled off later.

Change Ninth Street

Upon request of R. E. Williams, W. S. Wheeler and others, the Council decided to have Ninth street between Central and Commercial planked about twenty-two feet wide instead of having bitulithic paving put in. The planking will cost about \$5 per lineal foot less than the hard paving. W. G. Arnold said that his company would not object to the change.

Cemetery Title.

City Attorney Goss reported that Manager Armstrong, of the Southern Oregon Company, had been out of town lately and consequently that he had not been able to make any progress in the movement to clear up the question about the title of the old cemetery tract and the city's straw had reported one new case of it. The vacation of the original plat was approved by the Council some years ago, but Mr. Goss said that this did not relinquish the city's right to part of the road.

Post House Ready.

Chairman Wilson, of the health committee, reported that the city post house was about in condition to be utilized. He said that Dr. Straw had reported one new case of smallpox and the prospect of a few others and that the detention float-house was ready to be pressed into service when needed.

O'Connell's Street

Eugene O'Connell asked when he was to get back a lot that he owned

EGGS LOWER IN PORTLAND

Claim They Will Soon Be Down to 20 Cents—Other Retail Markets There

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 17.—Eggs are at last going to be cheap in this city. The first slump of the year occurred when prices in the wholesale market broke about five cents a dozen. Jobbers for the first time since last spring, were offering eggs under the 30-cent mark.

For the past two weeks the local market has been influenced by heavy Seattle buying. Puget Sound firms placed large orders here, because the California market was unusually high and supplies could not be profitably bought in that state. The demand for Oregon eggs was therefore so strong that local prices were maintained at a higher level than customary at this time of year.

A few years ago the San Francisco market broke and that meant the end of Seattle buying in Oregon. The weakness here was aggravated by the fact that several Portland dealers because of the recent local scarcity, ordered California eggs shipped up, and one firm telegraphed an order for a carload of Eastern eggs. This outside product is now coming on the market to the sorrow of the firms involved. If nothing occurs to check the decline, there will be a 25-cent jobbing market and many look for a 20-cent price to be reached before the month is over.

Butter Still High.

Butter is still up. There is no real excuse for it dealers say, other than the desire of some wholesalers to keep Oregon creamery butter at a price which will permit their bringing in butter manufactured elsewhere and which costs them less to buy than it does to churn. Most brands of our creamery product are selling at 75 cents for a two-pound roll.

Vegetables have been in fairly good supply. Several carloads have arrived from the South, and a few small consignments of such things as artichokes, cauliflower, parsley and sprouts have come in on the steamers. Celery and lettuce, which were scarce a week ago, are again coming in freely and prices are unchanged. Prices vary to a considerable extent, as is natural, hardly any two stores asking the same, but on an average a few of the vegetable prices follow: Rhubarb, 20 cents a pound; Oregon mustard green, 10 cents a bunch; radishes and endive, 5 cents a bunch each; green onions, three bunches for a nickel; water cress, 10 cents a bunch; cabbage, 5 cents a pound; egg plant, 25 cents a pound; green peppers, 20 cents a pound; kale, two pounds, 15 cents; red cabbage, 5 cents a pound; dried onions, four pounds, 15 cents; cauliflower, 10, 15 and 20 cents each; asparagus, 5 cents a pound; head lettuce, 5 cents a bunch and two for 15 cents, according to size; celery roots, for salad, three for a dime; Irish potatoes, \$1.15 to \$1.65 a sack; green peas, 20 cents a pound; California tomato, a 30 cent a pound; cucumbers, 20 cents each.

The choice of fresh fruits is rather limited. Apples and oranges are the most plentiful but these are a few others which come in for their share of the trade. Florida orange fruit is 15 cents each, two for 25 cents; alligator pears, 60 cents a dozen; lemons, 25 and 30 cents a dozen; bananas, 10 and 20 cents a dozen; naval oranges, 25 to 60 cents a dozen; tangerines, 15 cents a dozen; fancy Spitzenberg apples, 60 cents a dozen; Arkansas Black, 40 cents and Newtowns, 50 cents.

A few meat prices are: Boiling beef and good rib steak, 12 1/2 cents a pound; shoulder pot roast, 15 cents; legs of pork, 18 cents; veal steak, 22 cents; pork, 18 cents; shoulder, 17 cents; round and sirloin steaks, 20 cents; loin chops, 15 cents; shoulder mutton chops, 12 1/2 cents; hamburger steak, 12 to 14 cents; pig's feet and hocks, 10 cents; pork sausage, 15 cents; spareribs, 15 cents.

near the old Ferndale brewery. He said he had bought it many years ago and forgotten about it. In the meantime, the people made a road across the lot and as they had been using the highway for twenty years, he had lost title to it. Now that Eighth street is being opened in Ferndale, he thought that the old road might be vacated and he wanted his lot back. He said that he had paid taxes on it, although the County Commissioners had reduced the amount in view of the fact that part of the lot was used as a roadway. He was referred to the County Commissioners.

Credit for Dock.

Mr. O'Connell also wanted to be sure and get credit for the dock that he had built along his half of 57th street east from Front street. He asked that he be allowed to make the improvement by private contract. He said that all the piling were in while on the other side of the street, owned by the Nasburg estate, nothing had been done. The matter was referred to the street committee and City Engineer.

Later a communication from Herbert Leckhart and Claude Nasburg, protesting against their portion of the street being improved, claiming that the improvement on Mr. O'Connell's side was adequate. This protest was also referred to the street committee and City Engineer.

THE OTHER HALF OF SOCIALISM

Will be plainly exposed, telling the cause of present Socialistic agitation, by Mrs. Jessie Mapes Eagan, at Finnish Hall, (lower floor) at 8 o'clock on Tuesday evening, February 17. Every citizen of Marshfield cordially invited.

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BIVE BABIES BORN
TAYLORVILLE, Ky., Feb. 17.—Five children, three boys and two girls, were born to Mrs. Bertha Drury, wife of a Spencer County farmer. The girls died.

DATE OF OREGON STATE FAIR
VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 17.—The North Pacific Fairs Association, in annual meeting here, fixed dates for fairs in the northwestern states and Canada. The Oregon State Fair at Salem was set for September 28 to October 3.

AGAINST TIGHT SKIRTS
NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—The New York Federation of Women's Clubs resolved "That tight skirts are dangerous and should not be worn. Long but pins with sharp points should be discarded."

COST OF LIVING IN NEW YORK
NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—The New York Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor, has by statistics shown the average cost of maintaining a family of five in Manhattan, husband, wife and three children under fourteen years, is \$1,086 a year. The report says that the figures indicate that on an income of between \$1100 and \$1150 a year a family can live fairly comfortably in the Borough of Manhattan. The tabulated list of expenditures bringing the total up to within 33 cents of \$3 a day, divides as follows:

Pant and light	\$.65
Food	1.298
Clothing	.433
Fuel	.045
Launches	.089
Dues	.068
Medicine	.079
Ice	.05
Car fare	.067
Household supplies	.091
Miscellaneous	.097
Total daily budget	\$2.967
Total yearly budget	\$1082.955

No mention is made of money for amusement and the car fare account does not permit much riding.

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