

DOINGS OF CITY COUNCIL

PLAN TO TRIM CITY EXPENSES

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 along with \$100 per month allowance. Someone figured out that the band paid Director Fenton \$125 per month, paid \$15 per month for hall rent and also paid for the heating and lighting and janitor service at the Masonic Opera House when they had concerts. Mr. Copple said that as long as the city had to cut down expenses, he thought that the band ought to be willing to stand some of the reduction.
 Councilman Albrecht favored the reduction, saying that as the Council had limited itself to a ten mill levy last fall, it was up to them to live within it.
 He and Copple were in favor of having an advisory vote taken on it at the May primaries, allowing only taxpayers to vote. Mr. Ferguson objected to this, saying that all voters should be allowed to vote on the question. Finally, Recorder Butler told them that the matter could not be submitted at the May primary as that was a county and state election.
 Chairman Allen suggested that perhaps the new fire engine might be dispensed with as a means of keeping down expenses. This was aimed at Albrecht, who had been urging the purchase of the \$9500 fire engine and immediately got a raise out of him.
 Mr. Copple said that he was anxious to have the Council stand united on the reduction, as there would be "a big holler." However, it was finally agreed to let final action on it go over.

MUCH PAVING ORDERED HERE

North Front Street and South Broadway to Cost Over \$50,000
 Nearly \$50,000 worth of hard surface paving was ordered by the City Council last night.
 Part of it was on North Front street from Elm to Hemlock, which was changed from bituminous to bitulithic. This will cost \$23,445.50, there being 7,940 yards of paving and 1685 yards of fill. It does not include the sidewalks, which will make the assessment about \$7 per front foot.
 South Broadway was ordered paved with bitulithic from Curtis avenue to Hall. It will cost \$27,304.30. There are 8488 yards of paving and 2000 yards of fill on the street.
 Mayor Allen suggested that cement sidewalks be put in along with the hard paving but it was declared that it would make it too expensive for the property owners now.
Old Planking.
 In the specifications for the paving City Engineer Buckingham provided that the contractor was to get the old planking for removing it.
 A question was raised about the legality of this as the planking belongs to the abutting property owners. Finally it was agreed that the property owners be given five days' notice to remove the planking and if they did not do it, the contractor was to take it. Mr. Buckingham said that the old planking was not worth the cost of removing it.
Broadway on Grade.
 It was stated that the plan is to have the hard paving on South Broadway put in on grade. This will mean a raise of about eighteen inches at the corner of Hall, leaving the buildings along there that much below the street. For the time being it is proposed to leave the sidewalks in at their present grade.
Buy Fire Engine.
 An ordinance providing for the purchase of the American-LaFrance auto fire engine was adopted. The engine costs \$9,500 and is to be paid for in four installments of \$2375 each.
 After the passage of the ordinance, some of the officials joshed Councilman Albrecht as to whether he had got his check yet for selling the engine.

RAISE STREET ABOVE FILLS

Central Avenue and Commercial Avenue Planking to Be Elevated
 The City Council last night decided to have Commercial avenue raised from Fifth street west to Seventh or Eighth so that the dredgings will not flow over the planking. Councilman Eversten brought the matter up and urged the improvement, as he said there would be many protests about the street being flooded. City Engineer Buckingham explained that the dredgings would not be over a few inches deep on it and he thought that it would be cheaper to have the mud cleared off after the dredge got through. The cost of raising the street will be about \$150 and will be assessed to the abutting property owners.
 Someone wanted the street raised to the permanent grade, but it was thought that this would be too expensive now.
Fourth Street Low.
 In the discussion, City Engineer Buckingham explained that the hard paving on Fourth street at Central and Commercial was one foot below the permanent grade and to put Central and Commercial on the permanent grades, west of Fourth, would necessitate raising it.
 The councilmen were opposed to doing this. It would leave the Masonic opera house and M. E. Church considerably below street level.
 In consequence, it was decided to have the temporary changes made in the planking on Central and Commercial.
South Broadway.
 City Attorney Goss said he had received a number of complaints about the poor concrete on South Broadway, property owners claiming that the traffic had cut away most of it.
 City Engineer Buckingham said that he did not think this was correct. He said he would make an examination today before the hard surface was put on and see.
 He asked that the engineer's office be supplied with a cement tester, which would cost about \$250, so that they could guard against poor concrete and it was agreed to buy this, but no formal action was taken.
To Open Streets.
 Upon a resolution introduced by Councilman Wilson, Mayor Allen appointed Messrs. Wilson, Albrecht and Ferguson a committee to try and get Bennett avenue opened from Fourth street to Broadway and Fifth street opened between Donnelly and Elrod and perhaps south to Golden. Mr. Wilson said that these streets were originally opened but that the plans had been changed and portions of them vacated. The committee will confer with the owners of the property affected.
Order Rebate Paid.
 A rebate of \$920.81 was ordered paid to the property owners on Hall avenue between Front street and Fourth street.
 Johnson & Larson were ordered paid \$167.35 for their street contract on Second near Birch.
Mill Slough Drain.
 City Engineer Buckingham reported to the council that the total cost of the Mill Slough drain was about \$8000. This included \$250 bonus to the contractors for hastening the completion, \$288.75 for engineering expense and \$7442.18 for the drain proper.
Kick On Bills.
 Chairman Copple of the Finance Committee voiced a vigorous protest against bills amounting to \$251.45 for repairs to the city pest house which Dr. Straw and Chairman Wilson of the Health Committee had ordered. He said it was too much to spend in view of the fact that the pest house only cost \$190 in the first place.

HAVE HEARING ABOUT GRADE

Investigation to Decide Who Caused Mistake at Fourth and Golden

A special hearing to determine who was responsible for changing the grade on South Fourth street near Golden avenue, leaving the hard paving below the dredge fill, will be held at the council chamber Monday night. This was ordered by the Council last night after a long discussion and City Attorney Goss was instructed to subpoena all who are supposed to have any knowledge of it.
 It was first brought up by Wm. Hayden, who owns property on Golden west of Fourth, who inquired if the city had the nerve to expect a man to pay for street improvements and sidewalk improvements when they were far under mud and water, so bad that his wife and children could not get out of the house. He said he was willing to pay just as soon as the city gave him something for his money. He said it was really dangerous now, sewage being among the mud and water standing there.
 Councilman Albrecht said it was up to the city to find out who was responsible for changing the grade, reducing the corner from a grade of fifteen feet to ten feet. He said that Jas. Bennett and Wm. Lawhorne were among those who had been urging the reduction but that the grade had been changed in December, 1912, when he was not on the council.
 George Baines, Peter Scott, Sr., and I. S. Kaufman voiced protests about it and so did R. A. Corthell. City Engineer Buckingham said that the change was made before he was city engineer and he did not know just why it was made.
 Councilman Wilson said that a coroner's inquest ought to be held to see who was responsible. He wanted the city engineer put under bond so that in case of mistakes like this, they would have to pay for it. It was pointed out that this was impossible.
 Messrs. Ferguson and Copple said that they did not know about the change or anyway the effect it would have.
 George Baines wanted the street fixed right, but he was opposed to the property owners being required to pay the cost of the mistake.
 Finally the hearing was ordered.
 City Engineer Buckingham explained that a ditch had just been dug through the fill to drain that area and that as soon as this was drained, there would be no further trouble with the sewer. He said it would be necessary this summer to provide some means of draining the entire filled area.
 He said that a drain box had not been put in before the fill because Manager Miller of the dredge would not permit them to pump onto a drain that was not supported by piling. This kind of a drain would have cost \$1800 or so and he said it was cheaper to build the other kind of a drain after the fill was made. He said that the dredge Seattle charged the Port \$25 per hour for every hour's delay in the work.
 Councilman Copple said that the error of changing the grade was made during Mr. Gidley's term of office. R. A. Corthell said that the right grade had been established by Engineer Sandberg and Mr. Corthell said he would fight the improvement of Golden until Fourth street was brought to the proper grade.
Fairground Fence.
 F. P. Norton requested permission to rebuild the fair ground fence north of Kruse avenue so that standing room could be provided for autos near the race track. It was stated that Mayor Allen had recommended that the council open up Kruse avenue but Mr. Norton did not think that the street was needed now that Johnson avenue had been improved. His request was referred to the street committee.
 City Attorney Goss said that there

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CAPT. MAGGENN ON BAR DREDGE

Will Make Trip of Inspection Tomorrow on Michie on Morrow's Request

While in Portland this trip, Capt. Macgenn called on Major Morrow, U. S. Engineer in charge of this district, to talk over the bar improvements with him. There he met Major Cavanaugh of Seattle, who is referred to as "Father of the Bar Dredge P. S. Michie," and G. C. Westervelt, the U. S. Naval Constructor, who supervised its building.
 Capt. Macgenn expressed his doubt as to what the Michie would be able to accomplish here and finally Major Morrow insisted that Macgenn make a trip of inspection out on the bar dredge. This will be done tomorrow and Capt. Macgenn will report to Major Morrow next week.
 Capt. Macgenn also conferred with the lighthouse department officials and they informed him that as soon as the channel dredging was completed, the range lights in the harbor would be changed again, a large red light being put in as the front range light.

TRY TO GET COOS BAY STATION MOVED

Senator Geo. E. Chamberlain in a letter to the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce, today promises to try and get a bill through Congress this time to provide funds to move the Coos Bay Life Saving Station to the new site at Charleston. This is the third attempt he has made and he says he feels sure of getting the money. Congressman Hawley has also promised to aid.

BANDON TEAM HERE

Basketball Team Arrives for Games on Bay.
 The Bandon basketball team arrived here today noon to play the Marshfield high school team at the Tabernacle tonight. They will play at North Bend tomorrow night. Prof. Hopkins accompanied the team and the players who came with him are: Reed Gallier, John Windsor, A. Christensen, R. Gallier, Fred Harvey, M. Catterlin, Sam Armstrong, H. Bronson, L. Sparks, G. Stoltz.

CARD OF THANKS.

To the many friends, and especially to Mr. and Mrs. Stauff, whose thoughtful kindness during the illness and death of my beloved husband, Peter Mars, lightened the burden of my sorrow, I extend my heartfelt thanks. MRS. MARIA MARS.

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NORTH BEND NEWS

J. G. Mullen and bride, who have spent a few days at the Dr. Bartle cottage on South Coos River, have returned and have gone to house-keeping in their new home.
 Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Hodson, of South Coos River, were North Bend visitors yesterday.
 Mr. and Mrs. Harry Emery, who recently came from San Francisco, have gone to housekeeping in one of the Simpson houses on the hill.
 The revival meetings are being continued at the United Brethren Church this week.
 Mrs. A. H. Imhoff is hostess this afternoon at her home on Union avenue, to the Presbyterian Ladies' Aid.
 Mrs. Herbert Rogers and daughter, Mrs. M. Nelson, were Coos Bay snappers yesterday.
 Harry Bean and little son Howard, were business visitors to Marshfield yesterday.
 Mrs. Irene Hodson, who has spent a week with relatives in Marshfield, returned home yesterday.
 The Simpson's cottages on Union avenue, have been moved near the ball park. The plan is to build a hotel on the site where the cottages stood.
FACTS YOU MAY NOT KNOW
 Experts of the United States Bureau of Mines have perfected a fog-making machine for distributing moisture through coal mines to precipitate the dust and prevent disastrous explosions.
 The Germany navy has a salvage boat especially designed for the recovery of sunken submarines.

Something About the Progress of the Press

"You cannot see the forest for the trees," said a historian, "nor history in the making for being so close to the event."
 He wrote before the present greatness of the newspaper was attained. Nowadays the history of the minute is yours when you pick up your daily newspaper. Not only those things which happen in the city and throughout the country, but throughout the world. There are romances back of this achievement, tales of suffering, of long hours, of strenuous endeavor and daring.
 Consider carefully this composite wonder, the newspaper which you buy daily for an insignificant price. Usually it contains several square yards of paper, and, in the metropolitan dailies, its lines of type set end to end, would extend for miles. And all this type must be set in a few short hours. The wonder is that your paper does not cost you many times its present price.
 The advertisements, as well as the news, are of great importance because they bring you the store news of Coos Bay's leading merchants and tell you of opportunities to purchase at a big saving in price.

were two injunction suits on now about South Fourth street, one of A. B. Manly enjoining the collection of assessments and the other being of Southern Pacific's case to prevent improving Fourth street to Coal Bank Slough. He said that the Southern Pacific was willing to adjust the latter on a basis of deferring the improvement for a time.
Cathart's Appeal.
 S. B. Cathart appeared before the Council and asked that they guarantee to provide drainage for his lots in West Marshfield after the dredge fill is made. He said that he would not mind if it did not drain as well as now, but he wanted it drained. He said it would require about 700 feet of drain pipe. After considerable discussion the matter was referred to the street committee.
Transfer License.
 The council ordered the license of the Eagle saloon transferred from Rees & Sneddon to Hugh Sneddon, who bought it out. Mr. Sneddon claimed that the night before last he drove his auto to the city hall expecting that there was a council meeting, and forgot to light the auto and was fined \$5 for the offense.
Raise Saloon Licenses.
 The ordinance raising the license of Marshfield saloons from \$800 to \$1000 per year, effective July 1, was adopted last night.
Time for Saloons.
 Upon petition of R. O. Graves, Peter Mirrasoul and Hugh Sneddon, representing the Marshfield saloons, the council last night decided to allow the saloons to have the porters start work at 4 o'clock in the morning to clean up. The saloons will not open for business until 5 o'clock, the same hour as at present. They claimed that it was hard to get porters to do the work unless they made it earlier, so that one porter could clean up two or three places, they had trouble. In granting the permit, it was stated that the first violation of the permit by permitting liquor to be sold before 5 o'clock would result in the permit being withdrawn by Mayor Allen.
Had Late Session.
 It was about 12:30 o'clock this morning when the council adjourned. Councilman Eversten remained until about 12 o'clock, when he struck, saying he had to get up at 3 o'clock this morning to look after his baby and he refused to stay. The others remained.
Routine Proceedings.
 Chas. Doane protested about a hole in the decking of the wharf north of the Johnson furniture store and Geo. Baines promised to have it fixed once.
 The Finance Committee reported in favor of awarding the city printing on a bid of two and one-half cents per line, just half the legal rate established by law, and the report was adopted.
 A number of bills were paid and the assessment for the Alder street improvement deferred.
ARRESTED FOR FIGHTING
 W. M. Roberts and John E. Mackey were arrested last night by Officers Shoupe and Deane and charged with fighting. Roberts insisted on having a drink with Mackey, who claims he does not know him, at the Nutwood bar. So great was Roberts' insistence that Mackey had to resort to his physical power, of severely beating Roberts, who bled freely from the mouth and nose. Mackey had \$1.55 and Roberts nothing.
Along the Waterfront.
 The Adeline Smith arrived here at 9:30 this morning from San Francisco.
 The Fifield arrived at Bandon Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m.
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