

DOINGS OF CITY COUNCIL

RIGID RULES FOR THEATRES

The Marshfield city council last evening agreed upon the adoption of a rather stringent ordinance regulating theatres, public halls, etc. The final passage was postponed until the next meeting in order that a slight change might be inserted so that the Masonic Opera House would be permitted to utilize part of its rear space for standing room in case of large crowds.

The ordinance was drafted by City Attorney Goss and applies to all theatres, halls, etc. where gatherings are held and provides:

That all seats must be fastened to the floor.

That there shall be 34 inches between the backs of the seats.

That no one will be allowed to stand in the aisles, in the rear or utilize loose chairs or seats.

That no one shall be allowed to enter after the seating capacity is filled.

It provides for a fine of \$25 to \$50 or a jail sentence for a violation of it and an emergency clause attached so that it will go into effect at once.

Council Coppel objected to the elimination of the standing room use at the Masonic, claiming that there was a large space in the rear that could be utilized in case of band concerts, etc.

City Attorney Goss and others pointed out that it was alright as long as nothing happened but in case of a fire or panic in one of the show houses here which might result fatalities, the council would be severely censured.

For New Theatres.

It was also decided that an ordinance making more strict regulations on the seating capacity, the width of aisles, the kind of structure, etc. should be enacted. It was first suggested that this apply only to new theatres but Councilman Albrecht said that that would be an unfair discrimination in favor of the old firetraps. It was practically agreed that the new ordinance should give the present theaters six months or so to comply with its terms and that new ones be required to comply when built. The matter was brought up owing to the proposal of the Noble estate to build a theatre at Third and Central for G. J. Lemanski.

NO CHANGE IN DONNELLY AVE.

Council Decides Not to Reduce Grade There—Others are Established.

The Marshfield city council last evening decided to postpone indefinitely any action on the proposed change in grade of Donnelly avenue, or rather Sixth street south of Bennett. The action followed a discussion by members of the council, who inspected the street the other day, and after a number of the Donnelly avenue property owners had discussed the matter.

There was quite a delegation of Donnelly avenue property owners present to oppose the proposed three-foot cut in the grade at Sixth and Donnelly. Among those present were Mrs. Lydia Lang, Mrs. B. B. Ostlund, Mrs. F. S. Dow, W. P. Murphy, Dr. Walter, and Robt. Myren.

Councilman Coppel after hearing the matter, made a motion that the proposed change in grade be tabled and the Council concurred. Then they went ahead and established the grade on Anderson from Fourth to Eighth, the grade at Fourth being 14 feet, at Fifth 14.6; at Sixth, 14; at Seventh, 14.6, and at Eighth, 15.3. The grade established on Bennett was 14.6 at Fourth; 15.2 at Fifth; 15.8 at Sixth and 16.4 at Seventh.

Affects Jones Building

F. K. Gettings pointed out that the failure to do something about the grade on Sixth street south of Bennett affected Jones Brothers, who have the piling driven for a permanent concrete building at Sixth and Bennett. He said that the building could not be moved and it was essential to know what the grade was likely to be. He was told to go ahead and figure on the grade, providing for the cut at Donnelly.

Only One Building.

W. P. Murphy, who was present, urged the Council to take definite action on Sixth street, as he said that Jones Brothers would not go ahead until they were sure about the grade. He said that as he was in building material supply business and wanted to see the town go ahead, he thought that the Council ought to do everything they could to get new buildings erected. He said that so long as they did not change the

grade at Donnelly, he wanted to see the matter adjusted.

It was stated that the new Catholic Church would also be built to conform with the proposed change in grade.

Seventh Street Question.

Mrs. Lang also urged the council not to take steps towards improving Seventh street now. She said that no buildings were to be served by it, that the Mill Slough fill was too soft to permit it being paved and that it was not the time for it. She said she owned practically all the property on one side of the street; and when the improvement was needed, she would not oppose it. She was assured that the council did not propose to open the street this summer.

REMIT NOBLE RECENT FINE

Council Has Warm Session Over Penalizing Pile-driver Owner for Offense

After nearly an hour's discussion last night, the City Council adopted a resolution remitting the \$5 fine imposed on Chas. Noble for blocking Fifth and Bennett with his pile driver. "At times the discussion grew very animated and personalities were indulged in, bordering on "fight talk."

The matter was brought up by A. K. Peck, who pointed out that Mr. Noble was the victim of circumstances, the dredge fill having prevented him from going in and driving the piling. The fill covered F. K. Gettings survey stakes. Then he said the pile-driver was too big to be shifted around.

Councilman Ferguson insisted that the pile-driver could have been moved and said that Noble did not pay any heed to the rights of others.

Noble then took a hand in the discussion and he and Ferguson had quite a tilt.

Councilman Coppel said that it looked to him as though Noble had been punished for a technical offense in order to even up some old scores. He said that there was no traffic at Sixth and Bennett and no one had been inconvenienced.

Ferguson resented Coppel's remarks and came back at Coppel rather briskly.

City Engineer Buckingham explained how he had sworn out the

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Pittsburg-Cincinnati; wet grounds.
Brooklyn 2; New York 4.
Philadelphia 7; Boston 10.

WOLGAST-RIVERS HOT OFF.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 4.—Tom McCarey's Wolgast-Rivers fight for May 19 is off. Wolgast's injured wrist having furnished excuse for the cancellation. McCarey said that he would try to bring Jack Brannan or Jimmy Duffy here to fill the slot, but the general impression seems to be that Leach Cross will be used against the Mexican again.

SAYS POLICE CHIEF IS LIAR.

Governor West Challenges Portland Man to Visit Salem.
SALEM, Or., May 4.—(Special) because Chief of Police Clark of Portland, in a recent newspaper interview, charged that he had encouraged Portland street speakeas to violate the law last fall, Governor West, in a formal statement to the press, called the chief a liar, and virtually challenged him to appear in the executive office and "fight it out" should he want sufficiently to desire that kind of satisfaction.

REED'S NEW PLAN

The Gardiner Courier says: J. E. Eddy of North Bend, has taken a contract to build a large dairy barn on W. P. Reed on the portion of his farm now leased by Robert Martin. This is only one of the several barns that Mr. Reed contemplates building this year Mr. Reed has divided his farm into sections and leasing them to different parties, building neat and comfortable dwelling houses, and numerous dairy barns on each, besides doing a great deal of dyking for the purpose of reclaiming a good portion of his tide lands.

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