

# DOINGS OF CITY COUNCIL

## TANGLE ABOUT SMITH OFFER

### Carrying Out of Agreement About Mill Slough Causes Much Debate

For over an hour last evening, the Council discussed what should be done about carrying out the agreement between the city and C. A. Smith which provided for filling Mill Slough and for C. A. Smith to open a number of streets, etc.

City Attorney Goss read Mr. Smith's proposition to the Council, which was accepted at the time, and pointed out that the reservations that Mr. Smith made could not be complied with in the usual way by the Council. For instance, on South Front street Mr. Smith reserved the right to put in tracks, overhead crossings, etc. Now if he dedicated the street or made a deed for the street, he could not reserve this right.

Then a question was raised about the only differences over streets. In the original plat of the E. B. Dean & Company Addition, embracing the Mill Slough district, the streets were different than in the second plat. There was some question about the legality of the cancellation of the original plat. In his proposition to the Council about Mill Slough, Mr. Smith stipulated that the city was to give up its claim to any right about these old conflicting streets.

Since then Councilman Wilson, W. T. Stoll and others have started a movement to get Bennett avenue opened up from Fourth street east according to the old plat and some wanted Third street opened up.

There was a lengthy discussion about the matter, the points of law involved, etc. City Attorney Goss said that he thought that the only way the city could carry out the contract would be through friendly suit to enforce the fulfillment of the contract by C. A. Smith. This would then enable Mr. Smith to make the grants he promised on the conditions he stip-

ulated and enable the city to live up to its end of the bargain.

Councilman Coppel argued that this was wrong, that the Council had stipulated in its agreement with Mr. Smith that it did not waive any rights to streets, etc. Then Mr. Smith's written offer which the Council accepted, was read, and this showed that the agreement was to give up the rights to the old streets.

It was pointed out that Third street which some want opened according to the old plat, would be within about twenty feet of Second street, which has been improved according to the new plat.

Councilman Albrecht did not like the matter, saying that the Council had lived up to its end of the bargain by having the slough filled and he thought that Mr. Smith should make the grant without any suit.

There was a medley of debate over the tangle, F. K. Gettins, members of the Council and Mr. Goss talking it over, but the Council would not agree to the friendly suit idea, Messrs. Ferguson and Evertsen being the only ones to express themselves in favor of it. Mr. Ferguson said that the suit was only carrying out the city's end of the bargain.

The matter was brought up owing to the South Broadway paving being delayed until the Ferry Extension street, the continuation of Elrod from Broadway to the waterfront, was dedicated. City Attorney Goss was instructed to try and have Mr. Smith give a deed to the Ferry street so that this could be settled next Monday night and the balance of the matter threshed out afterward.

Mr. Albrecht opposed this, saying the whole matter should be settled at once.

Another thing which the Council is anxious to get settled is to provide for a crossing of Ferry street over the Southern Pacific tracks. The Southern Pacific is opposed to the location of Ferry street and will oppose it crossing their tracks.

During the discussion Mr. Goss said that Mr. Smith was ready and anxious to carry out his part of the agreement about filling Mill Slough to the letter but the puzzler was as to how he was going to do it and retain his rights. The city council cannot sell land or give a warranty deed.

It was finally suggested that a committee of the council take the matter up with Mr. Smith and adjust it.

## S. P. TO CUT OUT SERVICE

### Wants to be Freed of Marshfield Franchise Requirements—Coquille Service

The City Council last evening, after considerable discussion adopted a motion that the Southern Pacific have until January 1 to comply with the franchise requiring hourly service between Marshfield and North Bend so that they would be given an opportunity to try out the Motor Car on the Myrtle Point-Coos Bay run.

Supt. W. F. Miller of the Southern Pacific in a letter asked that the company be entirely relieved of this section of the franchise which provided for hourly service. He said that they wanted to fix the service to suit themselves and suggested that they make three trips daily between Marshfield and North Bend between 6.30 in the morning and seven o'clock at night.

However, after a tentative schedule which he presented to the council for the service which they propose to install between Coos Bay and Myrtle Point provided for four round trips daily between Marshfield and North Bend, two motor car trips to the Coquille valley, one steam trip and two motor car trips on Sunday.

For a time, it looked as though the council would pass the request without action but Councilman Coppel brought it up after a time. He said that he was anxious to see the Myrtle Point service started and declared he did not think the service between Marshfield and North Bend was worth that to the community. He said that he did not favor eliminating that section of the franchise which required the hourly service to North Bend but that he favored calling it off for six months or a year to give the company a chance to try out the Myrtle Point service.

He called attention to the fact that a copy of the train schedule which Supt. Miller tendered provided for four trips between North Bend, the first one leaving at 6.45 A.M., returning at 7.15 and then proceeding to Myrtle Point and returning at 9.50.

Councilman Albrecht strenuously objected to any change being made in the franchise. He said that the Southern Pacific was not entitled to it. He declared that the company owed North Bend a ten minute service to Marshfield, the Coquille valley an hourly service and also it owed it to the community to build up an interurban service. He said that this should extend from Millington to Sand Point.

Mr. Albrecht said that the reason the motor car between here and North Bend was not paying was because the company did not charge a reasonable

fare. He said that instead of charging from ten to twelve cents, the fare should be five cents. He said that if the company had made a reasonable rate at first the autos would not be taking nearly all the passengers. He pointed out the success of the municipal car lines in San Francisco and how the people there had forced reasonable rates out of the railroads and how now the United Railways is offering to sell its system to the city.

Mayor Allen said that the city had granted the company the month of June in which to test out the motor car to Myrtle Point but that Superintendent Miller had informed him that the road was being ballasted and they could not run the car there now.

City Attorney Goss said it looked as though the Southern Pacific was trying to free itself of the restrictions which the franchise placed upon it.

Councilman Coppel said that he was always willing to trade if he was getting the best of it. He said that the present service from the Coquille Valley is bad, not enabling people to trade here.

Councilman Albrecht said that Coppel was figuring entirely for himself and the dry goods stores. He said that the hotel men were entitled to a chance at some business out of it.

Someone said that the company was not able to get another motor car to put in the service here now and Mr. Goss said that there probably wasn't another one old enough.

Councilman Coppel moved that the city attorney be instructed to draw an ordinance freeing the company from the hourly service for one year.

Councilman Ferguson objected to this, saying it was too long and that six months should be enough.

Others objected lest an ordinance nullify the franchise.

Finally Mr. Coppel changed and made a motion that the company be freed from the service until January 1. This was carried, Councilman Albrecht being the only one to vote against it.

Mr. Albrecht said that unless the city was careful it would nullify the franchise.

**Street Work.**  
Moon & Barcey were given until August 1 to complete their North Elrod street grading contract.

City Recorder Butler was instructed to issue an alias warrant for the collection of the North Second street assessment so that Contractor C. R. Finnagan can be paid. The city may pay the assessment pretty soon.

City Recorder Butler was told to hasten the collection of the South Broadway assessment. S. C. Small said that they had completed the paving two months ago and wanted the \$2500 balance due them.

The street committee was requested to hurry up the settlement of the Sneddon-Hanson refund case, and also the refund case of C. H. Walter, involving a contribution to the temporary street improvement at Fourth and Elrod a few years ago.

**Will Start Paving.**  
Mr. Arnold of the Warren Construction Company said that the company planned to start the North Front street work in a day or two. He said the company planned to subcontract the grading work, giving it to local contractors if the council was willing. The council agreed to this.

Mr. Arnold said that their paving plant would arrive here in about a week or ten days and they hoped to have the base completed so that the surfacing could proceed rapidly. He urged that the water, gas and electric companies be required to have all their lines changed so that the contractors would not be delayed. He said that the water company might delay them all summer unless somebody got after them.

The Council last night decided that the company should be charged \$4 per day for using the street roller or \$7.50 per day if the city furnishes the engineer. Heretofore the city has been charging only \$5 per day for roller and engineer, but the Council decided this was not enough.

**Kicks About Quarantine.**  
Henry Haverkamp entered a vigorous protest to the Council because he had been kept in quarantine four days after Dr. Horsfall pronounced his family cured of smallpox. It was said that there was a clash between Dr. Horsfall and Dr. Straw as to who should do the fumigating. Dr. Straw insisted that Horsfall do it and finally the latter did. It was stated that Dr. Mingus, when city physician, always attended to the fumigating. The city ordinance was dug up and it was found to be indefinite and the state law was then referred to. The state law provided that the health officer attend to the fumigating.

Councilman Albrecht moved that the city attorney be instructed to draft a new ordinance that would comply with the state law.

There was a lively clash about whether or not the city should reimburse Haverkamp for the three or four days' work he lost. Some thought that Chairman Wilson of the health committee should pay him and Councilman Evertsen said that Dr. Straw should. Finally Haverkamp declared that as long as the Council had decided to straighten the matter out, guaranteeing that in future cases the people would not suffer the inconvenience he had, he would not press his claim for damages.

**Permit for Building.**  
Harry Noble was given permission to use part of Third street near Central to pile material on for the new building which the Noble estate proposes to build at Third and Central. The building proposed is to be a small theater for Geo. J. Lemanski.

Chairman Ferguson of the street committee said that he had assured Mr. Conway that they would see that he found a market for the street lumber which he was using as a platform for material for his new building.

**Street Improvements.**  
The grade on Sixth street from Commercial to Bennett was formally established.

A rebate of \$268.29 was ordered paid to property owners on Second street between Curtis and Hall.

The assessment for grading and planking Ninth street between Commercial and Central was fixed at

\$1.25 and \$1.50

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\$2.70 per front foot exclusive of intersections. Some time ago the property owners were given permission to do the work by private contract but they were unable to get all of them to agree on it and so the project was referred back to the council to put through.

The assessment on Eighth street from Commercial to Eighth Terrace was fixed at \$2.72 per front foot. It will be equalized June 15.

The assessment for Fourteenth street north of Central will be equalized next week.

The assessment for fixing up the alley north of the brewery property was fixed last evening at 20 cents and 43 cents per front foot.

The assessment for grading and planking Eighth Terrace was fixed at \$3.11 per front foot.

The assessment on Tenth street from Park north through Perham Park was fixed at \$3.27 per front foot. J. C. Jones and C. A. Schibredre asked that the grade in front of the Jones residence property be reduced so that instead of a six to fifteen-foot cut in front of his place he would have only about three feet, but the council would not concede this as it would make a six per cent grade on the street.

**Pettit's Salary.**  
Mr. Pettit of the street cleaning department was present and wanted to know what the council had done about granting him an increase in wages which he asked. Councilman Coppel said the finance committee had not met to consider it and was given more time. Mr. Pettit said that he could not understand why it took so long to settle such a small matter but the question was passed over.

**AMONG THE SICK**  
Virginia Hodgins, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hodgins of West Marshfield, is reported quite ill of measles and pneumonia.

Mabel Nelson, the little daughter of Mrs. David Nelson, 364 Sixth street South, who has been ill for several days with the measles, is reported to be much improved today.

**NOTICE TO I. O. O. F. AND REBEKAH LODGE MEMBERS**  
Rev. Samuel Gregg has invited the I. O. O. F. and Rebekah lodges of this city to attend the annual memorial services in the Christian Church next Sunday night. The attendance of all members is solicited.  
W. B. CURTIS, N. G.  
I. Lando, Secretary.

**RID DANCE JUNE 10TH**  
See Page 2, Times Monday

The PURPLE and GOLD will be SOLD at the Commencement exercises at the MASONIC Opera House TONIGHT.

## HOPE TO START LIBRARY SOON

### Carnegie People Finally Approve Plans—Want Assurances of Support

The plans for the Marshfield Carnegie Library have finally been approved by the Carnegie Commission and at a meeting of the local library board last evening Architect Turpen was instructed to ask for bids on the construction of the building. They hope to get the building, which will be erected on Market, near Fifth, under way soon and have it completed this fall. Some special provision in the plans to meet the weather conditions on Coos Bay were the principal things the Carnegie people objected to.

They have also asked that they be given further guarantee that the lot for the building has been set aside for this purpose and that the city will provide \$1500 per year for its maintenance. The city council last evening instructed City Attorney Goss to provide them such assurances as they may require.

**Gift to Library.**  
Mrs. James Forty, of Bunker Hill, who recently presented a set of Richard Harding Davis' works to the library, has now presented a set of Robert Louis Stevenson's works.

Miss Topping, the city librarian, will leave June 4 for a month's vacation in northern cities.

## BIG LEAGUE BALL SCORES

**American League.**  
Chicago, 1; Detroit, 2; 13 innings.  
St. Louis, 10; Cleveland, 5.  
Philadelphia, 9; New York, 8.  
Washington, 2; Boston, 4.  
**National League.**  
Pittsburg, 3; Chicago, 7.  
Cincinnati, 6; St. Louis, 4.  
New York, 11; Philadelphia, 7.  
Boston, 2; Brooklyn, 4.  
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**Northwestern League.**  
Victoria, 7; Seattle, 0.  
Tacoma, 1; Spokane, 5.  
Portland, 2; Vancouver, 4.

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