

Doings of the Council

COUNCIL MAY TURN FARMERS

Would Sow Clover on Mill Slough in Effort to Beautify The City.

No new addition to the police force of the city was the decision of the Council last evening when a petition was handed them, signed by 105 citizens, asking a night watchman to patrol the residence district. That the additional protection is not needed and would not warrant the expense was the belief of the Council and the petition was indefinitely laid on the table. "It would take half a dozen men to patrol the residence district of the city," declared Mayor Allen. "I could get a petition with more than 105 signers asking a reduction in the police force," responded Councilman Copple. H. G. Hoy, appearing in support of the petition, stated that a man is extremely necessary, not so much for protection against a criminal element as to see that midnight fires gain no headway while the city is asleep. That there is an increase in vagabonds and prowlers now that winter and the railroad are close at hand and hence a man extra on the force is necessary, was the substance of the petition which further asked that Walter Condon, a former member of the force, be considered for the place. On four successive mornings men have appeared at his door asking something to eat and that they probably came for the purpose of spying for later midnight operations via the backdoor and window route, declared Councilman Carl W. Evensen. He was the only member of the Council in favor of the new policeman. "Cover on Mill Slough Fill. "Why not take about \$50 or \$75 less than the first month's pay for a new policeman and buy clover seed to sow in the Mill Slough fill?" queried Councilman Copple. Great unsightly stretches of sand and mud waste in the middle of the city is a poor advertisement, he believed. Opposition was aroused by this statement and the Council inquired as to what clover could best be grown. White clover has already given the best results, stated Mr. Copple. That he has experimented with seven different grasses and has found "red top" clover the best of the seven, was the statement of George Tribbey. No definite action was taken in regard to the clover. "Think it over," said Councilman Copple, "also the plan of getting the property owners to clean the logs and rubbish from off the fill. "They cannot be forced to do this unless the refuse is a fire menace." Declared City Attorney Gosa. Viewers Make Report. Two thousand dollars is the estimate of damage that is to be mette Pacific would suffer by condemnation of a roadway across their property leading from Front street south to the harbor line. This is the street opening which would connect with the new ferry line from East side. This report was made by viewers W. E. Wilson, John Blatt and George A. Baines, appointed three weeks ago by the Council. Practically one dollar a square foot is the price that the railroad company would receive for their land. There are about 2185 square feet in the tract. That no action can be taken for at least the 30 days which must be given the railroad to file an appeal, if there is any, from the assessment. The matter was laid on the table. Fire Equipment Needed. Because the floor in the fire station is not strong enough to hold the new fire truck which has gone through the floor already in one spot, the fire and water committee was instructed to buy 2000 feet of flooring which will be laid by members of the fire department at no expense to the city. Fire Chief Keating asked for new "shut off" nozzles, tips and "play pipes" for the new equipment to involve a cost of about \$75. This was granted by the Council. Improvement Rebates. Two rebates from city improvements are on hand and the Council instructed City Recorder Butler to return the amounts to property owners according to the lots which they own on the improved streets. From Front street to the harbor line on Alder street there is an excess of \$161.16 after the cost of putting the street through there has been paid. Also there is a rebate of \$371.66 coming to the property owners on Ninth street North between Central and Commercial avenues. Assess For Alley. Because no steps have been taken by private individuals to improve the alley between Seventh and Eighth streets on the streets bounded by Johnson and Ingersoll avenues, the city engineer was instructed to go ahead with the work which he estimated at \$218.86 for the 353 feet which have yet to be built. "Wide Open Town" Protested. Openings in the street on Central avenue are not only a nuisance, but may cause accidents and later damage suits for the city, was the belief of Councilman Evensen, who protested against leaving the openings any longer. The Council declared that the Warren Construction Company has that work in view at early date and are merely waiting for a day when they can do the whole thing at one time. The moving of the two extra rails laid in the pavement on Front street near Alder will be done in the near future by the Southern Pacific Company, according to a statement made a short time ago by Assistant Engineer Wheeler of the Company. No Change in Grade. That there has been no change in grade on Tenth street North where the contractors are now grading in the street, was the declaration of City Engineer Buckingham who stated that many complaints have been received at his office. Complete Street Improvement. Completion of the street improvements on Front street North was announced by Manager Ashby, of the Warren Construction Company, who asked that the work be accepted, on recommendation of the City Engineer. This was unanimously sanctioned by the City Council. Peart Brothers also declared that they have completed the curbing on Broadway street South though City Engineer Buckingham believed the work should not be accepted by the city until the dirt filling behind the curbing has been completed. The Engineer also stated that the grading on Eighth street north is finished and the final estimate will be furnished in a few days.

OPEN SEWERS CITY MENACE

Council Also Considers Permanent Sewer to Drain Mill Slough Fill District

The time has come for the city to consider the installing of a permanent sewer for the drainage district of the Mill Slough fill, declared C. R. Peck, who stated that he came before the council in the capacity of a private citizen, and the opening gun was fired in the controversy which has long been argued for a sewer that will drain from Perham Park, the Nob Hill district and territory west of there. Seriously the city must consider the matter at once, stated Mr. Peck, and make preparations for the work this fall which will mean a great truck sewer, one of the biggest jobs the city has faced in years. A rough estimate of the cost made by the city Engineer Buckingham was placed at \$199,000. Box Drain Temporary. The placing of the box drain when the fill was first made in Mill Slough last year was viewed as a merely temporary matter, placed there to allow the settling of the fill before a permanent sewer was installed. Mayor Allen assented to the remarks made by Mr. Peck, declaring them to be timely and that the city must face the proposition of laying off a sewer district. "The box never has been a success, declared Councilman Albrecht. To leave the pond at the head of Mill Slough is a crime believed the Councilman for the drainage of the water through the city garbage dump into the pond is bound to breed sickness and perhaps contagious diseases. At the present the stench is some time unbearable said Mr. Albrecht and the same condition also exists on the south arm of the slough. "I believe the city should hire a first-class sanitary engineer to consult with the City Engineer in such a big project as this," said Councilman Albrecht. That notice should be served on

the port Commission to dig a ditch and let the water out of the pond at the head of the slough was the belief of Councilman Copple. "The pipe in there now won't carry off the water and the Commission, according to their former agreement, should open drainage from the pond to Seventh and Central." Meet With Port Commission. For the purpose of coming to a definite understanding in regard to the drainage, a meeting with the Port Commission will probably be held Saturday evening. Sewer Trouble Is Grave. Sewer trouble on Commercial avenue between Fourth and Fifth streets is extremely grave, declared Councilman Albrecht. At the present time a clogging of the sewer near the plant of the Coos Bay Laundry has stopped the sewer, which is now being pumped for 200 feet through the open street to a manhole. Stench from this makes living in the neighborhood almost an impossibility, said Councilman Albrecht. "This is no boys' play," he declared. Extreme measures were discussed by the Council and many were in favor of closing the laundry until the trouble has been remedied, as it is believed that refuse from that plant has caused the clogging of the sewer. The health committee was given power to do whatever they think best in dealing with the matter. Manager Jones of the laundry, has a gasoline pump working in an effort to clear the sewer. The pump worked all last night. Easements have been flooded with this sewage and some members of the council stated that they have actually caught little children wading in the sewer as it is pumped along the streets.

NORTH BEND COUNCIL MEETS

But Little Business Before the Body—Bill for Grading North Slope Allowed

Payment to Perham & Gidley, contractors, for extra excavation done on the north slope project was a knotty question before the North Bend Council at their meeting last evening. The final decision was that the work should be paid for and the city recorder was then authorized to go ahead with this according to the previous contract. The entire bill for the work will amount to \$4,267.25, and is totaled at the rate of twelve and one-half cents per square yard of excavation. Bills for the month were brought before the council by the finance committee. They amounted to between \$500 and \$600, the largest of which was for city lighting, this coming to more than \$250. That the repairs on the Connecticut Avenue sewer where it crosses Sherman Avenue should be completed before the improvement of the latter street, was the opinion of the council and the city engineer was instructed to take this up as soon as possible. Perham and Gidley asked for an extension of ten days on their sewer project on Sherman Avenue North and this was granted them without comment by the council. The sewer work was commenced about September 1. May Repair Sidewalk. Property owners on the north side of Oregon Avenue, west of Liberty street, asked the council for permission to repair their sidewalks for the purpose of making it last them through the winter. They declared that little work was necessary and that a permanent sidewalk should not be commenced at this time. To this the council assented and permission was granted for this repair work. ARIZONA TONIGHT. The first performance of the big Moose production of "Arizona" will begin promptly at 8:30 this evening. If you want to see a real production of a real play, don't miss it. All indications point to a packed house to greet the local players tonight. Everyone enjoys a really good play, and the fame of "Arizona" is world-wide. Only once or twice in a century is such a play as "Arizona" written, and as for the local cast that will act it this evening—you could travel the country over without finding its equal. The orchestra for "Arizona" this evening includes Messrs. Claude Tucker, Herbert Resner, Ben Platt and Art Blanchard. A special orchestral program has been arranged for this production. Seats for this evening's performance will be on sale at the Busy Corner until 7:30 and thereafter the sale will continue at the box office until 8:30. DR. HORSFALL has MOVED TO ROOMS 112-113, IRVING BLOCK.



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TELLS OF OLD PROJECT.

Binger Herman Recalls Haines Road Survey to Roseburg.

Binger Herman, in a recent article urging the construction of a railroad from Roseburg to Coos Bay, says: "Three years ago when the Haines survey for a railway to Coos Bay from Roseburg was in progress, continued for almost two years at great cost, and assurances were positive for financial support for immediate construction, how quick the public interest was awakened! Farmers gladly and readily, in many sections on route, conveyed a right of way. Property values appreciated and many farming lands changed hands; young orchards were planted; real estate dealers were busy in locating buyers and tenants on farms, and arrivals from abroad in our city dwellings. Our city felt the impulse in every direction. Work and improvement was the order of the day. A tenacious house was difficult to find. This was mostly all inspired by confidence. "But at length, like the 'baseless fabric of a dream,' to basis for the faith enjoyed disappeared. The survey was one of the most perfect and most feasible, and assured the lowest grade over the Coast Range Mountains to the sea, and along a route flanked with immense timber area, and a country underlaid

with rich coal deposits. But a hidden hand, by purchase or threat of a competing line, suspended further operations and they remain suspended to this day."

BUY FIRE HOSE.

At the regular meeting of the city council Wednesday night a committee composed of Councilmen F. J. Chaburn, J. W. Mast and H. C. Dippel was appointed to buy some new fire hose for the city. Mr. Mark H. Savage, representing the A. G. Long Fire Apparatus company, was in the city and yesterday morning a committee met with him and bought 500 feet of the patrol leader and gum hose.—Bandon Reporter

CURRY PIONEER DEAR.

Mrs. Elizabeth Zumwalt, known as "Aunt Betie," died at her home on Sixes River Sunday. After a long busy life she had lived, honored, trusted and loved. She reared her own home while she lived in the heart of the city who knew her. With her husband Henry Zumwalt, "Aunt Betie" was in the city and yesterday morning a committee met with him and bought

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