

# DOINGS OF CITY COUNCIL

## 'ECONOMY' SLOGAN OF CITY FATHERS

Must Cut Expenses, They Say—A. B. Gidley Proposed as City Engineer

"Economy" will be the watchword of the city administration for 1915 according to the address of welcome given the new members of the Council last evening by Mayor Allen. With several street improvements absolutely necessary and facing a high tax levy the mayor declared that expenses will have to be scrutinized with an eagle eye.

"I realize that the Council in the past year has made mistakes," he said at the opening of his address. "During the next year it is also probable that we will make mistakes at times, but running the city's business is the same as running our own; we must allow for imperfections. We will do our best and I hope that at all times the members of the Council will pull together this year as they have done in the past."

"Among the necessary street improvements for 1915 is the improvement of Seventh street between Commercial and Bennett; also Broadway North." To this list Mr. Copley added Central avenue, which he declared has been promised improvement.

**Need An Engineer.**  
"We are now without the very important office of city engineer filled," confided the mayor, "and in my mind it is very poor economy to pay \$150 a month to the band when the same amount would pay the salary of an engineer."

"Constantly there are questions coming up that only an engineer can handle. We must have a man in this office. I have conferred with A. B. Gidley, for two years a most efficient city engineer here, and he has announced he will accept the position providing my appointment is ratified by the Council, the idea being that he will assume the duties January 15." Mr. Gidley declared that he would sever his connections with the Perham & Gidley contracting firm.

**Would Consider Position.**  
Because at the last meeting of the Council Engineer Buckingham was laid off on the plea of slack work and the need of economy during the light months of street improvements, Councilman Ferguson protested the securing of another engineer at the meeting last evening. "It is not consistent," he said, "and anyway the Finance Committee should have time to consider the matter."

"The Finance Committee was in earnest when it laid off Mr. Buckingham," said Councilman Albrecht. "Last summer we expected we would be able to do it about October 1, but the work kept coming on and we were not able to do so."

**Must Cut Expenses.**  
"We must cut down our expenses. We thought it a good plan to hire an engineer by the day during the slack months. It is but a short time before we must face the question of garbage disposal; it means an incinerator. A tax levy of 12 1/2 mills is a poor advertisement. I realize that the band is a drawing card, but I believe it would be better to hold out a showing of a good city hall and low tax rate to prospective residents here."

Practically every member of the Council last evening declared his opinion that a city engineer is indispensable and that the office should be filled within a short time. No direct action was taken on the proposed appointment of A. B. Gidley, at a salary of \$150 a month, and the matter was left in the hands of the Finance Committee until the next meeting of the Council.

**Mill Slough Estimate Low.**  
That the estimate of the Port Commission that they can clean out the Mill Slough drain box for \$2000 is a low estimate, was the statement of \$100.

## BUDGET OF CITY RECEIVES JOLT

Damage Suit and Repair of Drain Box Hits General Fund of \$2000

When the annual budget of the city was made out by the Finance Committee of the City Council some time ago, \$2000 was set aside as the amount that would probably be necessary in the general fund for law suit expenditures and unforeseen litigation. With the decision of Judge Coke taxing the city half of \$1700 damages awarded to property owners in the Mill Slough case and the closing of an agreement with the Port Commission to pay them \$1000 toward the opening of the drain box through the Slough fill there remains practically nothing of the original fund as it was appropriated.

Thus, declared Councilman Copley, are the best laid plans of men knocked into a cocked hat. And so for the coming year he urged that only such improvements be taken up as are absolutely necessary.

"We will have to draw a tight line on these expenditures out of the general fund," he declared.

This followed the announcement that plans are now complete for the laying of a sewer on Seventh street South between Ingersoll and Johnson avenues, which will entail an expenditure of between \$2000 and \$3000.

**Library Given Money**  
Though the new Carnegie Library will be taken care of through a five-eighths of a mill mill tax levy, some of this money will be available before next April and for this reason the Council last evening granted \$105 for January to the upkeep of the library. Under the tax levy about \$140 a month is estimated will be received.

On motion of Councilman Albrecht the band was allowed \$150 for January and \$20 also was allowed the Merchant's patrol, this amount going toward the payment of Officer J. C. Doane's salary.

**Money for Exposition.**  
The City Attorney last evening was instructed to draw up an ordinance allowing the payment of \$50 monthly to the Coos and Curry County exhibit for the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

**Beautiful Work for Exhibit.**  
That the Masons are having built in North Bend at the Sash and Door Manufacturing Company, arches and pedestals of myrtle wood that have elicited great admiration and will be among the exhibits to be sent to San Francisco from this county, was the announcement of Mayor Allen.

Councilman Albrecht, who recommended that the Port be given the contract for the work. This estimate is the one arrived at yesterday afternoon when the Council and Port Commission held a joint meeting in the Chamber of Commerce.

The City Attorney was instructed to draw up an ordinance and a contract covering this work. The mayor was given power to award the contract to the Port Commission which will at once begin the sluicing out of the drain box. This will also mean the draining of the north arm of Mill Slough, a project that belongs entirely to the Port.

**Sidewalks on First Street.**  
With the sidewalks on First street North in a dilapidated condition and in such shape as to menace the city with damage suits, the Council decided that the property owners there be given a five days' notice of the improvement and at the end of that time that the city go ahead with the work.

## DUNCAN FERGUSON TO HEAD COUNCIL

Councilman Cook Broaches Ownership of Water and Light Plants

By a vote of three to one, Duncan Ferguson was last evening elected president of the City Council, to take the place of Councilman Copley, who has filled this office for the last two years. Mayor Allen announced his six standing committees for 1915 and declared that all city officers, including the members of the police department, fire department and building inspector, have been held over for another year with no change.

As an inkling of the trend of the new Council members came the declaration of Councilman Cook that the city must sooner or later face the question of owning her water and light plants, which he said "are now in the hands of private companies and should not be. The revenue from these companies could easily pay for the administration of the city," he continued.

This announcement came following close on the heels of the "economy" talk of the various members, each of whom declared that the city must cut expenses for 1915.

Various members advanced examples of other cities owning their light and water plants and using the revenue to their own advantage, thus cutting in a great measure the taxes within the city limits.

"We have still a four years' contract with the Oregon Power Company," declared Councilman Copley. "It would be a mighty expensive proposition to attempt the taking over of the electric light plant at this time." The matter was given no further attention, though it was taken as a tell-tale of what might be future issues in the council chambers.

**Fire Chief Makes Report.**

Fire Chief Dan Keating presented his annual report to the members of the Council. With 52 active members in the department, 11 of whom have been added during the past year, 21 regular drills have been held and the department has answered 25 fire fire alarms.

That the work of the department has been efficient is shown by the actual fire loss, which is less than \$5000 for 1914. But there are changes absolutely necessary to increase the efficiency of the fire fighters, declared the fire chief.

**Need Sleeping Quarters.**

"We need sleeping quarters in the fire station for at least seven or eight men," said Mr. Keating after the report had been read. "The other morning about four o'clock the department went out of here in answer to the call from Doane's place on Fifth street South and there were only two members of the department available when the engine reached the hydrant."

"Now there are seven or eight of the members who could sleep here in the fire hall; they would be available at all times of the night. It would cost but little to fit up a room here for them." Mayor Allen declared that such is the custom in Albany, Oregon, where the men are given their rooms free, providing their own beds and bedding. The recommendation of Mr. Keating was apparently favorably received and was turned over to the Fire and Water committee for their consideration.

**Alarm System Inadequate.**

That the present fire alarm system is inadequate was the report of the chief. To procure a box alarm system would cost about \$5000 he said, but in the place of this could be installed a compressed air tank, operated from the telephone central or by the power company.

**Cleaning Establishments Menace.**

Because of the use of gasoline in their premises the fire chief declared that cleaning establishments are a menace to the safety of the city and recommended that all such concerns be forced outside of the fire limits. This, he said, is the plan followed in many large cities. "Many cleaning firms have their pressing establishments in the downtown district and send their clothes to be cleaned to some place outside of the fire limits."

"The insurance underwriters when here about two or three weeks ago," said Building Inspector Tribbey, "found a cleaning firm on Front street with 15 gallons of gasoline in an open vessel. This is directly at variance with the city ordinance that limits the amount to five gallons in any one vessel within the fire limits unless it is buried."

"It is just such things as these that raise the insurance rates. Their satisfaction is not in how soon a fire

is put out, but in how much such fires are prevented."

The matter was referred to the Fire and Water Committee for an investigation.

**Electrical Ordinance Saves.**

During the two years the electrical ordinance has been in use here, declared Mr. Tribbey, the property owners of the city have been saved at least \$2000 by lower insurance rates. In practically every building of the city the inspector has gone, has scrutinized the work being done, and has ordered all defective wiring remedied at once.

**Personnel of Committees.**

The following are members of the six standing committees as they were announced last evening by Mayor Allen to serve for 1915:

Finance—R. A. Copley, chairman; Carl L. Albrecht, Harry J. Kimball. Streets—Duncan Ferguson, chairman; Carl W. Everson, Geo. E. Cook. Fire and Water—Geo. E. Cook, Chairman; Carl L. Albrecht, Duncan Ferguson. Health—Harry J. Kimball, chairman; Geo. E. Cook, R. A. Copley. Lights—Carl W. Everson, chairman; Harry J. Kimball, R. A. Copley. Waterfront—Carl L. Albrecht, chairman; Duncan Ferguson, Carl W. Everson.

**LOCAL REDMEN HOLD INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

Koos Tribe No. 33 Held Fitting Exercises Last Evening.

The installation of officers of Koos Tribe No. 33 of the Redmen was held last evening. These officers will hold office for the next six months.

Those who were installed were: George Seelig, Sachem. William Henry, Senior Sagamore. Lawrence Meyer, Jr., Junior Sagamore.

W. H. Ferguson, Prophet. A. B. Campbell, Chief of Records. C. L. Pennoek, Collector and Keeper of Wampum. Nicholas Reichert, Guard of the Wigwam.

## COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS CHOSEN

North Bend Council Holds Its First Meeting of the New Year

Re-appointment of all city officers holding appointive positions marked the first 1915 meeting of the North Bend Council last evening. A. H. Derbyshire is retained as City Engineer and Pete Anderson as Chief of Police. F. W. Wood and Miles E. Everitt were welcomed into the Council by the Mayor, who addressed the members outlining the plans for the coming year.

In accordance with their promise of some weeks ago an ordinance giving \$400 to the Coos and Curry County exhibit at the Panama-Pacific Exposition was passed unanimously. This will be made out in a warrant and that will be taken up by the North Bend Manufacturing Company.

Committees for the coming year were announced by the Mayor. On the street, sewer and park committee will be Councilman Kern, as chairman, F. W. Woods and Fred Hollister. Peter Loggie will head the fire, water and light committee, together with F. W. Woods and Councilman Curtis, and on the finance committee will be Fred Hollister, chairman, Curtis and M. E. Everitt.

## JAY RICHARDS IS GIVEN SENTENCE

Execution of Long Term Stayed by Judge for Parole Arguments—Other Cases

(Special to The Times.)  
COQUILLE, Or., Jan. 5.—Judge Coke today sentenced Jay Richards, a young lad from Sumner, to an indeterminate term of three to twenty years in state's prison for a statutory offense against a young girl named Catching. He stayed the execution of the sentence until the attorneys can present briefs on the right of a Judge imposing sentence to parole the youth.

The case of William Arthur Young, indicted jointly with Mrs. Quigley for a statutory offense, has been on trial since yesterday and is being vigorously fought. A motion by the defense to non-suit the action was overruled. It was claimed that instead of eloping together from Port Orford, they met at Myrtle Point. She took her eight-year-old daughter, but left two sons, aged seven and ten.

A new turn was given the case today when Mrs. Quigley filed suit for divorce from Quigley. In this she asks for \$150 with which to pay her attorneys, Graves & McInturff.

## COLLEGE SINGERS CONTEMPLATE TRIP

University of Oregon Glee Club May Come In Spring, Says Manager

Twenty warblers, the male "song birds" of the University of Oregon, will probably visit Coos Bay on their spring vacation, April 10 to 18, according to word just received here from Sam Michael, student-manager of the Glee Club, which has just returned from eastern Oregon on one of the most successful trips the University contingent ever took.

Last year a visit here was contemplated, but because of a large deficit incurred by the club when they failed to make expenses on their Christmas jaunt into eastern Oregon and Idaho the trip was cancelled. This year the men have been successful. They came back to Eugene with a surplus of \$500 from their six concerts, the last being given in Albany on Saturday evening.

Professor Ralph Lyman, head of the School of Music at Oregon University and leader of the Glee Club, has also expressed his belief the trip can be made. "We want to be sure of our expenses," said Manager Michael, "but the fact that such an attraction has never before been on Coos Bay may be a drawing card. Our Club this year is one of the best we have ever had at the University. The songs are good and the stunts above the amateur standard."

When mumps closed the University of Oregon three days before the Christmas vacation the 20 members of the club looked gloomy with despair. Practice for a week had already been interrupted. They met the day after Christmas in Portland and started east, playing the first night in The Dalles.

To their complete surprise the interruption of practice had really accomplished wonders; the songs were better and everything worked very smoothly and the fellows returned last week enthusiastic over their receptions along the road. Should two or three concerts be arranged here it is very likely, according to their manager, that the men will make the trip.

In the summer the Glee Club will visit the Panama Pacific Exposition at San Francisco and give a series of concerts.

**COOS BAY CREAMERY MEETING.**

J. J. Clinkenbeard Was Elected President and H. E. Bessey Manager.

At the annual meeting of the Coos Bay Creamery Association today, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—J. J. Clinkenbeard. Vice Pres.—W. E. Smith. Sec.—George Ross. Manager—H. E. Bessey. Treas.—J. W. Bennett. Directors—J. J. Clinkenbeard, W. F. Hodson, H. E. Bessey, W. H. Smith and George Ross.

The creamery has had a good year despite the adverse business conditions generally prevailing in outside markets.

## AT THE HOTELS

**The Chandler Hotel.**

R. T. Spaulding, Salem; John E. Ross, Portland; R. Bugge, Portland; C. H. Freeman, Portland; N. S. Kohn, Chicago; O. Schneider, Portland; Mrs. Dolan, Portland; Miss Dolan, Portland; M. M. Williams, Portland; L. A. Baker, San Francisco; H. A. Franz, Hood River; Webb Mast, Lee; T. W. Lenn, Bandon.

**The Lloyd H. Hotel.**

J. Herman, Norway; Mr. and Mrs. C. Brown, Roseburg; H. Klein, Myrtle Point; H. I. Savage, Coos River; L. D. Graham, Portland; James Kearns, Myrtle Point; Paul Teagler, Portland; E. W. Brown, Beaver Hill; E. Baley, Myrtle Point.

**The St. Lawrence Hotel.**

C. O. Daggett and wife, North Bend; J. J. Clinkenbeard, Coos River; L. E. Brown, Bandon; Frances Lang, Loquia; W. G. Bessey, Coos River.

**The Blanco Hotel.**

J. Tuestrom, Lakeside; W. B. Rohrer, Coquille; Jack Essana, Gardiner; W. Lawhorn, McKinnis; Art May, Portland; Andrew Conway, Victor, Colorado; E. Peterson, Victor; M. A. Graham, San Francisco; E. G. Umehofer, Tar Heel; G. Boak, Bandon; J. W. Wasson, South Inlet; A. Kinable, Myrtle Point; David Rackleff, Florence; J. L. Moore and wife, Delmar; A. H. Pence, Myrtle Point.

In parts of the west where trees are scarce, sage brush is used for fuel. In Nevada the large main stems are trimmed by Indians at \$3.00 a cord and delivered to the user at about \$6.50. Sage brush burns rapidly and is rather dirty, but produces good heat.



## Eagles Notice

All Eagles, whether members of Marshfield Aerie or other Aeries, are urgently requested to attend the meeting and installation of officers of Marshfield Aerie.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 6, 1915,

AT EAGLE'S HALL

By Order of C. C. GOING, Pres.  
J. B. Sneddon, Sec.

## HOMSTEADER HAS HARD ROW TO HOE

Ed Boswick, Curry Co. Settler, Arrested for Killing Deer—Other News

Ed Boswick, a homesteader on Upper Flores Creek, an isolated section of Curry county, who is having a hard row to hoe in trying to eke out an existence and support his wife and child on the claim, was arrested by Deputy Game Warden Thomas on the charge of killing deer out of season. He has not had his hearing yet. Mr. Thomas requiring a neighbor to stand good for his appearance.

Mr. Thomas says he found evidence of nine slaughtered deer and says he was informed that Boswick had killed about forty. Boswick formerly lived on the South Fork. Mr. Thomas claims that Boswick not only secured meat for his own family, but sold some to a restaurant keeper named Theraut at Myrtle Point. The place on which Boswick has settled produces little and it seems that the Boswick family's only income was from his hunting.

Mr. Thomas said that he was not certain whether Boswick could be tried at Langlois or would have to be taken to Gold Beach. If he has to be taken to Gold Beach, Mr. Thomas says that it would hardly pay him as he only gets \$25 out of the conviction. Mr. Thomas said he was sorry for Boswick's wife and child.

Mr. Thomas said that he was going to Myrtle Point to arrest Theraut for serving venison. He says that Theraut shot a deer December 18.

**Fines Fisherman.**

J. D. Hatfield, a fisherman near Coquille, was fined \$50 yesterday by Justice Stanley for fishing without a license. It seems that the latter was working for a man named McNair and the latter had a license but the former did not and Mr. Thomas discovered the fact.

**Big Game Preserve.**

The three Deament ranches above Myrtle Point, totalling about 8000 acres, have been thrown into a game preserve and all shooting is positively prohibited there. John Yoakam is also figuring on throwing his big ranch into a state game preserve.

**Sends Quail Here.**

State Game Warden Finley yesterday sent two crates of Bob White quail to the Coos Bay Game and Fish Protective Association. He asked that one crate be released on Coos River and the other in the Upper Coquille Valley.

He also sent the 100,000 eastern brook trout eggs which were recently sent up to Frank Smith to be raised at the South Coos River Fish Hatchery.

**PASSENGER SERVICE STOPS.**

Arrow Line to Handle Freight Only on Coast Via Coos Bay.

A Portland paper says: About the time the Arrow Line steamer Paraiso was reported arriving at Coos Bay from San Francisco yesterday, en route here, Frank Bollam, passenger agent for the fleet, received news from A. A. Moran, manager at San Francisco, that the company had decided to discontinue handling passengers for the present on that vessel.

The Paraiso has been operated between Portland and the Golden Gate by way of Marshfield and North Bend, carrying passengers as well as cargo and with the steamer Yellowstone a weekly service has been maintained for freight, the Paraiso being the only carrier engaged in the passenger trade. As the steamers Geo. W. Elder and Breakwater make Coos Bay weekly from here and there are others steaming there from San Francisco, it is assumed that the Arrow Line officials have decided to devote all energies to cargo business.

## I. R. TOWER FROM PORTLAND

WELL-KNOWN AUTOMOBILE PERFECTS PLANS FOR SUPPLY DEPARTMENT IN SECTION WITH THE AGENCY.

Isaac R. Tower returned from a business trip to Portland where he perfected plans for sending the Ford Motor Car Coos and Curry counties and arrangements for the shipment of new 1915 Ford Coos Bay within the next two weeks.

While in Portland Mr. Tower made a thorough study of the 1915 Ford automobile accessories and purchased a complete stock for Gunnery. This new line will be opened at The Gunner's week. It contains all the latest for Ford owners and will prove interesting to every motorist.

Mr. Tower made a careful inspection and investigation of new auto accessories and supplied only those of proved merit and automobile will find the supply at The Gunner's one of the best in Oregon and equal in every way to anything shown in that city.

It is Mr. Tower's purpose to have the department of auto supplies one of the best in Oregon.

(Paid Adv.)

**SOCIAL CALENDAR**

**TUESDAY**  
North Bend Auction Club with Mrs. Frederick Lister.  
C. W. B. M. with Mrs. Hopson.  
Episcopal Guild.

**WEDNESDAY**

Swedish Lutheran Aid Society with Mrs. Olivia Edmondson.  
B. W. M. C. with Mrs. Ross.  
Bay City and Eastside Aid with Mrs. H. Brinkley.  
Auction Bridge Club with J. S. Hanson.

Marshfield Bridge Club with Mrs. C. M. Byler.  
Young Matrons with John Keudall.  
Narcissus Club.  
Cafeteria Club with Mrs. W. A. Reid.

Coos Bay Women's Club Public Library at 8 o'clock.  
Presbyterian Auxiliary with Mrs. C. H. Walter.

**THURSDAY**

A. N. W. Club.

**FRIDAY**

Thimble Club with Mrs. Glazier.  
Lutes Art Club with F. M. Piye.

Chaminade Club with William Horsfall, Jr.

**ELDER GOES SOUTH**

Crosses Out at Two O'Clock Light Passenger Line.  
After laying over here waiting for a tide, the Elder crossed out at 2 o'clock afternoon bound south to She carried a light passenger. Those who sailed south were: Hurley, C. A. Slosson, L. Carthy, F. W. McFarland, R. M. Goldman, Joseph J. L. Williams, J. B. Hand, J. Smith, Roy Moore, E. Drews, Larry Wislick, Gus R. E. Jackson, J. Duffy.

M. E. Lad's Aid will MALES at church hall

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