

# DOINGS OF CITY COUNCIL

## PERMANENT SEWER UNDER DISCUSSION

### Mill Slough Project to Entail Expenditure Over the \$100,000 Mark.

Plans for a permanent drain for the Mill Slough district were submitted to the City Council in a report of D. L. Buckingham last evening. Acting on instructions given him November 2, 1914, he has made a study of the conditions and requirements that must be met in one of the largest improvement projects yet carried on within the limits of Marshfield.

Two types of drains have been submitted for examination. One, marked Type A, is almost identical with the large sewer being installed in New York City. The estimated cost of this project, for a drain complete to Eleventh street and Anderson avenue on the south and Tenth street and Highland avenue on the north is \$90,785 and under the Type B, \$77,090. The additional cost to the city limits on the south is \$24,000 for Type A and for B, \$22,625. Additional costs to 12th and Birch streets on the north would be for design A, \$7000, and for design B, \$6,300.

"It is apparent," runs the report, "that there will be no entire satisfactory solution of the drainage problem until the whole area above Tenth street is filled to a point higher than the extreme high tide. This will require an average fill of at least six feet in depth over approximately 30 acres, totaling some 300,000 cubic yards. However, conditions do not seem ripe at this time for this fill. The same conditions apply to the area north of Commercial avenue in Perham Park, where it will be necessary to fill the area above extreme high tide level before satisfactory drainage can be given."

Accompanying the report of Mr. Buckingham were two maps showing all the area which naturally slopes to the Mill Slough Basin, both within and outside the city limits. "As the area is improved and built up," he said, "the present sewers will become overloaded and the only relief will be to provide new and larger sewers for the district or to provide additional outlets for the sewers already in place."

That the Central avenue sewer is already loaded to its maximum capacity is the belief of Mr. Buckingham. "And in two years, at the latest, the conditions in the district between Fifth street and the Bay will have to be relieved either by laying a new and larger sewer, by cutting off the West Marshfield road, or by providing additional outlets to sewers already in place."

"The drainage plan, as outlined in this report, will provide the double relief of cutting off the West Marshfield road and providing an outlet for the present sewers at each cross street, which will practically furnish

each north and south street with a separate sewer system."

**Main Drain on Anderson.**  
The main drain, with a branch leaving at Seventh or Eighth street to care for the north portion, should be laid on Anderson avenue, is the belief of the report. "The main drain must go to Eleventh street and Anderson avenue, where it is possible to tap Mill Creek with an open ditch about 200 feet in length along Eleventh street. The main drain may be continued at this time to the city limits if thought advisable, but in such a case it would necessitate condemnation or purchase of right of way on Anderson avenue is at present not dedicated west of Block T, Western addition.

"The North arm must go to Highland avenue and Tenth street and it might be wise to extend it to the intersection of Twelfth street and Birch avenue, which is about the head of the gulch.

**The Two Designs.**  
Design A, as submitted by Mr. Buckingham, "has in its favor extreme simplicity of construction, but on the other hand has a wide roof slab and carries a very heavy load. Design B is a parabolic arch which is rigid and properly shaped to withstand the load from above, presenting only the crown of the arch to the point of extreme live load below the street. It is also more economical in material because of its shape, with 17 to 20 per cent less material, this design gives 5 per cent greater capacity than Design A."

A third plan suggested was a reinforced concrete pipe, cast above the ground and laid like an ordinary sewer pipe, but the engineer declared his belief that it would lack rigidity for the conditions encountered in the Mill Slough district.

**Leave Present Drain Alone.**  
The present Mill Slough drain should be left alone and the proposed sewer laid alongside of it, said Mr. Buckingham. He gives three reasons for this belief. The first is that the "flow of water from Tenth street must be cared for during construction, and this location will be entirely out of the way of construction; second, the contractor will have immediately alongside and from one foot to sixteen inches lower, a drain in which to pump and unwater the excavation and this will simplify the construction greatly, and third, "the excavation will probably be made with machinery which the old box and piling would hinder to a great extent."

The whole area must be piled and the surplus earth excavated from the main sewer will practically bring Anderson avenue to established grade from the Bay to Tenth Street.

**Report of Work Accomplished.**  
In a second report to the Council Mr. Buckingham summarized the work accomplished under his administration, asking that the report be incorporated in the records.

**BIG DANCE by PASTIME CLUB. FINNISH HALL, SATURDAY EVE, JAN. 10, '15. FINE MUSIC, NO RAGGING. Gentlemen \$1.00; Ladies Free.**

## DEFER ACTION ON ENGINEER'S BERTH

### Optimism Fills Council Chambers — Street Improvements Discussed

Optimism in chunks pervaded the Council chambers last evening. New street improvements, water works and a city hall received their due attention and the appointment of a City Engineer was pointed out as imperative in view of the fact that street work must now be laid out that it may be completed during the good weather of the spring and summer before the next season of rainy weather sets in.

A. B. Gidley was formally placed before the City Fathers for their ratification as engineer but a dissenting opinion stilled any definite action in that direction. Councilman Cook headed the opposing force, stating his belief that more than one candidate should be considered; Mr. Ferguson said that the office was abolished but two weeks ago on the grounds of economy and that therefore he opposed the election of an engineer at this time.

The name of F. A. Haines was not formally presented to the Council though he was discussed, the members declaring him to be a man of long experience and with an efficient record. It is expected that he will be formally introduced as a candidate for the situation at the meeting next Monday evening.

To do without an engineer for the next two or three months was the plan first broached by the Councilmen, some of them declaring their belief that improvement bonds could not be sold this year. Mayor Allen stated that he is almost daily receiving applications from eastern bonding houses inquiring what bonds of the city are for sale and expressing endeavors to submit bids.

"The money market is opening up during the last week or so," stated Mr. Copley, "and I believe that we will have no trouble at all in disposing of improvement bonds. With this condition prevailing I propose that we appoint an engineer at once and let him get to work laying out the plans for the coming dry months. We generally drag along into the following fall, a condition that should not be."

**Street Improvements Discussed.**  
Street improvements for the coming year were thoroughly discussed by the Councilmen. The entire project of grading streets through the Mill Slough fill came up for consideration. Councilman Albrecht expressed himself as confident that all work done in this section should be handled under one project.

Streets should be graded across the fill thus opening Fifth, Sixth, seventh and Eighth streets and also extending Anderson and Bennett was the final conclusion of the city fathers, though they took no formal action on this matter, allowing it to rest until such time as a city engineer is appointed.

Many were of the belief that grading should not yet be done on the fill, that a wagon load of dirt spread there now would almost immediately sink out of sight. The need of a hard surface on Central avenue was expressed.

**Highway is Unsafe.**  
That Front street between Central and Anderson avenues is an "unsafe hole" was the expression of a letter received and read by the Mayor from F. G. Horgan, H. W. Painter, P. M. Fincher, Herman Hillier and J. T. Harrigan.

This street is unimproved and during the rainy weather its heavy use by drays and heavy traffic has cut the road into deep ruts which stand full of water. It is the belief that all passengers from the boats landing at the South Terminal Dock must pass this in their journey to the city of Marshfield.

**City Not to Blame.**  
"The city can't be blamed for this condition," declared Councilman Ferguson. "The property owners there have had a chance to improve that street. It would be unfair for them to come forward now with the proposition that we replank it and put all in order again. They need a hard surface pavement there. If the owners along there will agree to make the proper improvement, then the city can afford to keep it in repair."

But such action is already being considered by the property owners in that block strip, according to a statement of Mayor Allen, who stated that J. T. Harrigan has informed him the work of hard surfacing that block is to be done by private contract with the Coos Bay Paving & Construction Company at the rate of \$2.10 a square yard of bituminous rock.

## STREET PROJECTS NOW COMPLETE

### Final Report and Estimates Submitted by Engineer D. L. Buckingham

Final acceptance of all improvement work carried on under the supervision of D. L. Buckingham was made by the members of the Council last evening, when the retired engineer submitted his final reports and estimates of several street projects, now completed.

Eighth Terrace, under the Perham & Gidley contract, is finished. In this project there were 9,663 cubic yards of dirt removed at a cost of 27 cents a yard, this sum totaling \$2,686.35, this sum including \$77.25 paid out for culverts and extra work.

The project of Tenth street between Park and Hemlock avenues was presented to the Council as completed. The final estimate of Mr. Buckingham showed that 26,028 yards of earth have been removed at the rate of 31 cents a yard, the entire work amounting to \$8,114.28.

Johnson & Larson have completed the planking of Pine street between Eighth and Front street, a distance of 525.5 feet, laid with 22-foot planking, this project amounting to \$777. The work was accepted by the Council.

**City Attorney's Expenses Rise.**  
Expenses in the City Attorney's office, due to much extra work and the need of extra assistants, amount to at least \$100 a month, according to a report submitted by John D. Goss, who is now in Portland. He stated that he would be unable to continue with the work at a lower rate than \$100 a month.

An ordinance was passed by the Council authorizing the raise in the salary of the City Attorney, this to take effect January 15.

**Buy Host or Stakes.**  
In the Engineer's department between 5000 and 10,000 locating stakes are used annually. An offer was received from the Woodcraft Company to furnish 5000 such stakes this month with a ten per cent discount over the regular price or in a 10,000 lot with a 20 per cent reduction.

Instructions were given the finance committee to take the matter up. This will mean the saving of several dollars to the City Treasury.

**Receive Invitation.**  
From the Library Board the Councilmen received an invitation to attend the formal presentation, this evening, of the Carnegie Library to the city.

Ratification of the contract entered into with the Port Commission last week for the cleaning out of the Mill Slough drain box was made in the form of an ordinance. Under this plan no money will be paid to the Port until they have successfully opened the box and have drained the north arm of the slough.

**Money to Exhibition.**  
Having promised \$600 some time ago to the Coos and Curry County exhibit at the San Francisco fair, the members of the Council last evening backed up their work by passing an ordinance authorizing the monthly payment of \$50 toward this sum.

**Long Wait for Money.**  
For street improvements made on Fourth street between Market and Highland avenues almost two years ago N. Moon has not received so much money, according to a report of Mr. Copley.

"Each sort of business will cost the city a lot of money," he complained. "If a contractor finds that we do a long credit business, he is going to charge us just so much more for the work. As a matter of economy it is up to the city to keep its credit good."

## NEW OFFICERS CHOSEN.

### Coos Bay Commercial Club Organizes for Year's Work.

The Coos Bay Commercial Club held its annual meeting last week and after outlining the year's work elected the following officers:

W. L. Walker, President.  
R. A. Nass, Vice President.  
L. G. Meeks, Secretary.  
A. S. Bailey, Treasurer.

The following committees were named:

Publicity Committee—L. G. Meeks, E. M. Alexander and W. E. Honnig.  
Industrial Committee—W. L. Walker, R. F. Stage and J. R. Johnson.  
Membership Committee—W. L. Walker, L. G. Meeks and V. Lindstrom.  
Finance Committee—C. W. Johnson, John Olson and John Manfolk.

**NOTICE TO SCOTCHMEN.**  
All Caledonian Club members and non-members invited to attend special meeting to be held in Todd the Tailor's shop, Front street, Thursday, Jan. 15 at 7:30 p. m.  
DAN McDONALD, President.

# THE PRICES ON RAINCOATS SHOES and UMARELLA Greatly Reduced

## During Matson's Clean-Up Sale

### SHIPPING NEWS

#### NANN SMITH GETS AWAY FOR SOUTH

Carries 46 Passengers and Cargo of Lumber for San Francisco

#### ELDER BRINGS 71 PASSENGERS

With the largest passenger list in several months the George W. Elder arrived in from Portland this morning, bringing 71 persons. She was delayed in Portland two hours and forced to wait over night at Astoria on account of the Columbia bar. The freight shipment of the Elder was also heavier this morning than usual. Tomorrow morning at 8 a. m. the Elder will leave for Eureka.

#### SIUSLAW PORT TO ISSUE

Votes to Raise \$100,000 for Harbor Work—ernment to Cont...

FLORENCE, Or., Jan. 11.—The money appropriated to ornament the Port of Siuslaw \$224,000 available for the of the south jetty, and which is completed it is to be channel will be secured on of 20 feet at the low water sufficient to accommodate vessels operating along the many of those in the office H. P. Dutton, at the Tide Water Mill Company land, which has a fleet of carriers at Florence, and Port of Siuslaw met Jan. 11 voted to issue bonds in the amount of \$100,000 for the extension of the south jetty there. Almost \$12,000 in the treasury to be applied on the project amount equaling that approved by Congress for a like purpose. Dutton has been authorized to market for the bonds on their own.

## MERRILY OUR 8th Annual Clearance Sale ROLLS ALONG

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- To \$9.00 LADIES' COATS now selling low price \$3.15
- To \$17.50 LADIES' SUITS, Jan. Clearance Sale, \$7.45
- To \$1.50 LADIES' WHITE WAISTS, now selling at 69c
- To \$1.65 56-in. HEAVY COATINGS, now selling \$1.19
- To 50c 36-in. WOOL DRESS GOODS, now going at 29c
- To \$5.00 LADIES' TRIMMED HATS, selling at \$1.98
- To \$3.50 LARGE SIZE CORSETS, now reduced to 98c
- To 10c VALENCIENNES LACES, January clearance, 3c
- To 12 1/2 BEST QUALITY GINGHAMS reduced to 9c
- To 25c FIGURED CURTAIN SCRIMS, now selling at 13c
- To 50c MEN'S WORK SHIRTS, January Clearance 39c
- To 25c CADET, BURSON HOSIERY, now selling at 21c
- \$2.25 and \$3 One lot MEN'S HATS, now selling at 49c

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**SIUSLAW PORT TO ISSUE**

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The south jetty has been a distance of 1700 feet. Intention to extend it for feet more. Mr. Dutton the port officials at Florence the completion of it will be the means of aid to the shipping importance of the port. It is the spring the Mill Company will place vessels in the lumber there. It is announced it will be increased as an extension of the jetty has about.

**Many Approve**  
J. W. Ford, Jr., president Commercial Club, gave and presented a petition 302 voters of the port or of the bonds. H. P. Dutton, at the port meeting and telegrams from owners of large tracts of the bond issue. were Stewart & Peterson Co.; Lacey Timber Co.; G. X. Wendling, L. George Melvin Miller, Porter Brothers and the Mill Co. represent about of the taxable property of the district.

That being the first year the board proceeded officers. I. B. Cushman, president; P. E. Jackson, dent; T. J. Neely, vice R. McCormack, treasurer. change is that E. R. Meeds T. A. Yost as treasurer.

**IF YOU buy town, and we of town, and neighbors buy town, what in will become town? Ever think**