

DOINGS OF CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL ELECTS GIDLEY ENGINEER

Question Finally Solved by Five-to-One Vote of City Fathers

A. B. Gidley, by a five-to-one vote of the Council, was last evening elected City Engineer of Marshfield, his duties to commence February 1. And this was brought to a close the question that has bothered the heads of the Councilmen for the past two weeks.

The question again presented itself when Recorder Butler read a communication from F. A. Haines making formal application for the berth of City Engineer.

"Does this mean that we have two men before us and can take our choice?" asked Councilman Ferguson.

"There is but one name before you," said the Mayor. "That is the name of Mr. Gidley. He is my appointee, hence must be voted on first and disposed of, to either ratify or reject."

"Then I am willing to split the difference," continued Mr. Ferguson, and appoint Buckingham engineer. He is a capable man and has shown himself to be a good worker."

Councilman Kimball expressed his belief that "we have schooled enough engineers," saying that "it might be a good thing for them, but not for the city."

"That's just the reason that I suggested the name of Mr. Gidley," commented the Mayor. He has already given us good service and I know he would continue to do so in the future."

His remarks were supplemented by those of Councilman Copple. "We know that we are making no experiment when we get Gidley," he said.

To Councilman Kimball there appeared the question as to whether or not "Gidley has dissolved all partnership with Mr. Perham. You know there is a great deal of improvement work coming up and it is a sure thing that Mr. Perham will bid on this work."

"They told me," said the Mayor, "that all partnership has been dissolved."

"Then the best way to get at this thing is to put the names of the two applicants up and let us vote on them," said Councilman Cook. Again the Councilmen were told that the one name before them, that of A. B. Gidley, would have to be discussed first, according to parliamentary procedure.

"Then," said Mr. Copple, "I move the Mayor's appointment of Mr. Gidley as City Engineer be confirmed." The motion was put to a vote by the Mayor and resulted in a five-to-one vote in favor of Mr. Gidley. Mr. Ferguson voted against the appointment.

Because of the late date in January Mayor Allen stated that the services of the new engineer would not be necessary before February 1 at which time Mr. Gidley will take up his new duties.

Seventh Street Sewer.
An ordinance authorizing a sewer on Seventh street between Ingersoll and Kruse avenues and down Kruse to Fifth street was passed by the Council. This project will be of eight-inch vitrified pipe construction to be according to grade.

Three viewers will be appointed by the Mayor. They will inspect the property to be benefited by such a sewer and make their report to the Council as to what property owners should pay.

Hold Up Hemlock Sidewalks
Though notices have been long enough announcing the laying of sidewalks on Hemlock avenue no

CITY OWNERSHIP OF WATER SUPPLY

Council Committee After Data and Price of Coos Bay Water Company

Municipal ownership of the waterworks again bobbed up last evening to ruffle the serene calm of the council chamber. About to adjourn and already heaving a sigh of relief, the members waited for the motion to close when Councilman Albrecht stayed the proceedings with a "let's have a committee meeting with J. W. Bennett regarding the price we would have to pay for the waterworks."

With the way paved, the opening wedge thrust in, the councilmen faced about and discussed at length the question that has been oozing into view at every council meeting for the past three weeks.

"If we could get Mr. Bennett to state a price," said Albrecht, "that would give us a base from which to work and we would know more about how to proceed with the matter. Then I believe we should go to some of the private consumers who have water meters and find out what they are paying now and what they paid before the meters were installed. This will show the difference between the flat water rate and the meter rate."

That the people are not satisfied with what they are paying at present was the statement of Mr. Albrecht. "If we do anything with municipal ownership of the waterworks, we will have to start right down at the bottom," he declared.

Committee to Get Price.
Following the discussion of the members of the council, they unanimously voted to refer the matter of getting an offer from the Coos Bay Water Company to the Fire and Water Committee consisting of George Cook, chairman, Carl Albrecht and Duncan Ferguson. They will make their report at a future meeting, no date being set.

"I believe in municipal ownership," said Councilman Ferguson, "just as long as you can show me in figures—dollars and cents—what the profits are going to be. I believe in it just so long as municipal ownership is a paying proposition. We should have the facts here, get all the figures on the table and let us know we are getting no lemon before we commit ourselves one way or the other."

Mayor Allen declared his belief that the waterworks could be purchased at a "reasonable price and that in a year we could maybe make it pay a profit, thus making up what

action will be taken by the Council toward authorizing this improvement until the return of City Attorney Goss from Portland, when he will be given an opportunity to inspect the ordinance.

"I believe that it is time to take steps toward the opening of Sixth street across the Mill Slough fill," said Councilman Cook. "When Mr. Conway built his apartment house there, it was the general understanding between himself and the Council that this street would soon be opened." Mr. Cook believed that the fill would be liable to settle and that therefore a plank road should be laid across there at this time connecting Commercial and Bennett avenue by Sixth street.

"Make all those street improvements into one big project," supplemented Councilman Albrecht, "we could get them done cheaper." No action was taken on this matter, the members deciding that nothing should be done until the City Engineer has assumed his duties.

the city treasury will lose in liquor licenses."

The price given by the water company to the city a year ago was a good proposition, according to the declaration of Mr. Copple. "And I do not believe now, either, that we would have purchased too much real estate with the water supply. If the population increases as we expect it will then we will be mighty glad to have a tract of land about the water supply. It will be a protection. There are more things to consider than the dollars and cents proposition."

"By the figures of the Railroad Commission," said Councilman Cook, "we are shown that the revenue coming in is coming up. It seems to me that we ought to have our share of this."

Common Sense, Not Speculation.
Councilman Ferguson again stated his position, declaring that before rushing into the matter a thorough investigation must be made to find out how much would have to be voted in bonds, the operating cost of the plant, the sinking fund necessary and the many other big and little items that go with such an extensive organization. This isn't a speculation—it's just common sense," he said.

Mayor Allen declared his belief that North Bend would still be willing to come in on the proposition, that is, buy their water from this city.

To Audit City's Books.
The books of the city will undergo their annual auditing at the hands of Ray Kaufman, decided the councilman. Mr. Kaufman's was the only name submitted in this capacity.

The advertising for bids on the city printing for the year was authorized and Recorder Butler was authorized to make his announcement.

Accept Alley Work.
Planking in the alley of Block 50 of Railroad Addition has been completed by Contractors Nelson & Bishop, according to a report submitted by D. L. Buckingham. It was shown that 354 feet of 10-foot planking has been laid at a cost of \$207.08. The work was accepted by the council and they adjourned to meet two weeks from last evening.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS INSTALL NEW OFFICERS

Have Luncheon Following Ceremony—Plan Big Time for Anniversary Celebration.

At one of the best attended meetings of the past few months, held in the K. P. Hall last night, Myrtle Lodge No. 3, Knights of Pythias, installed the new officers who are to serve for the ensuing term of six months, as follows:

Chancellor—C. A. Moore.
Vice Chancellor—O. S. Torrey.
Prelate—Fred Messerle.
Master of Work—George Blake.
Keeper of Records and Seals—J. B. Sneddon.
Master of Finance—F. P. Norton.
Master of Exchequer—George Winchester.

Inner Guard—C. R. Flanagan.
Outer Guard—Leonard Masters.
Trustee, three year term—John F. Hall.
Plans are now under way for a celebration of the 51st anniversary of the order, which occurs on February 15. Owing to inability to secure the hall on that date and for other reasons the affair will be held on the evening of the 18th and it is expected that there will be a large attendance of the Knights and ladies and their friends.

WATERFRONT NEWS

Having unloaded all her cargo due for this port the Paraiso left out at 11 o'clock Monday on her way to Portland.

At one o'clock Sunday afternoon the Daisy Putman left out for San Francisco, having arrived from Portland on Saturday evening.

After being held inside for several days on account of the bar the gasoline boat Rustler was able to cross out Monday for the Siuslaw.

With her cargo complete the Adeline left town Sunday morning for San Francisco, having arrived in from there the morning previous.

The Nann Smith is expected to arrive in from San Francisco on Wednesday.

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Last evening the tug Gleaner crossed in from Gardner and left out this morning with a miscellaneous cargo for the Siuslaw.

The Speedwell will leave North Bend tomorrow morning bound for San Francisco, San Pedro and San Diego.

The George W. Elder crossed in early this morning and left out for Eureka shortly after 1 o'clock.

FLY AND MOSQUITO MUST BE BANISHED

"Varmints" Threaten Health, Says Dr. Straw—Suggests Health Ordinances

"Swat the fly," quoth Dr. E. E. Straw, Health Officer, to the assembled Councilmen last evening. Sunny weather, absence of rain and the standing of water in pools—all these things actively aid in the active manipulations of the pestiferous, winged insects that buzz at odd times about bald-headed men and carry 4,579,546 violent and deadly germs on each and every one of their four legs to empty in baby's porridge.

"Summer is coming on," declared Dr. Straw, "and it is right now that we should take our first steps toward rooting out the flies and mosquitoes—now, before they get a hold in these seepage drains and stagnant pools that are plentiful about the city."

"There they breed early in the spring and during the rest of the summer and the fall we have more than our share of the little animals."

Sounds Warning.
In sounding his warning Dr. Straw urged exactly the steps that are being taken each spring in the greater share of the Willamette Valley towns and in Portland to combat the fly and mosquito menace.

Dr. H. C. Hodge, of the University of Oregon, last year conducted a microscopic examination of flies, finding that on their legs they carry millions of deadly disease germs. In the Chinatown district, near the corner of Third street and Market avenue conditions are bad and will be worse during the late spring, declared the Health Officer. There the buildings are below the street level and so situated as to have standing water underneath their foundations. "A foot of sand would solve the problem," said Dr. Straw. "This property is damp all summer and most unsanitary."

The buildings belong, some of them, to Henry Sengstacken, Mrs. Lund and to various Chinamen, "and most of them seem willing to follow any instructions given them," said the Health Officer.

Need Definite Ordinances.
Lack of proper city ordinances dealing definitely with specific evils is only too evident, according to Dr. Straw, who declared that they, with the state ordinances, cover only general conditions. And to aid toward remedying this condition the health committee of the Council was instructed to meet with the Health Officer and draw up an ordinance covering points presented by the city's health guardian after he has received extensive data on such subjects from the State Health Officer.

Old buildings, unfit to live in, need of ventilation in cheap rooming houses, the compelling of boarding houses to keep the bed clothes clean and to restrict the number of persons allowed in a sleeping room by allowing so many cubic feet of air space for each one—all these are points urged by Dr. Straw, who further argued that ordinances covering these points are extremely necessary.

Willing to Obey Laws.
"Most people that I have found are willing to obey the health laws if they only have some one to show them what to do. To this it is necessary to have the proper legislation—ordinances that are specific and touch on these conditions and are not too general.

In parts of the city are old buildings that were partially filled when the dredge was at work here. These are still standing, many of them, and are health menaces, hence should be torn down, said Dr. Straw.

"Contagious diseases that are not communicable to adults," said the Health Officer, "should not hold an entire family in the house under quarantine. The child, so affected, could be quarantined by itself in one room. I believe this system is expedient." This point will probably be covered in the new health ordinance to be drafted for future submission to the Councilmen.

The stork was far more active in 1914 than the Angel of Death, according to the birth and death report submitted by Dr. Straw. Births number 67 in all, 26 being females and 41 males, while the deaths total but 26. Of these nine were females and 17 males.

According to these figures men are much in the ascendancy in Marshfield, at least judging from the birth record, but death seems to have played his hand in respecting the "balance of power" and carried off almost twice as many males as females. Of the births 23 were of part foreign parentage. Smallpox in 1914 carried off four persons; scarlet fever three; measles one; diphtheria one; tuberculosis four; pneumonia one.

The Way Councilmen Die.
The Council followed through the

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50c Garments 25c	\$1.25 Garments 60c	\$2.00 Garments 75c
75c Garments 35c	\$1.50 Garments 75c	\$2.25 Garments 85c
\$1.00 Garments 50c	\$1.75 Garments 85c	\$2.50 Garments 95c

Last Week of Clean-up SALE

MATSON'S

QUALITY STORE

report giving the reasons of deaths making good progress until they came to "Locomotor Taxia" This left them puzzled and all making vain attempts to solve the riddle. Councilman Ferguson found the explanation. "That's how a Councilman died who argued over gasoline bills for the new fire truck," and he gave a sly wink across the table to Councilman Copple.

COOS PRISONERS LANDED IN PRISON

Deputy Sheriff Laird and A. P. Davis Return—O'Brien Behind Bars.

Having placed their seven prisoners behind the bars of the state prison in Salem, Deputy Sheriff W. C. Laird and A. P. Davis, clerk in the sheriff's office, returned this morning from the north. They brought back with them Joe Harry from Dallas, who is wanted for non-support of his wife, formerly Miss Devault, at Brewster. The party left on the afternoon train for Coquille.

"One-Eye" O'Brien, sent from here for the robbery of the Bohemian Bar, was the cause of no trouble after the officers had captured him near Sitkum following his escape from the guards Thursday night, slipping his hands from the shackles at night and jumping through a window.

Deputy Sheriff Laird declared this morning that his party searched all night for the missing man, discovering he was gone about 1 o'clock in the morning. However, O'Brien did succeed in locating his shoes. He was fully dressed, except for a hat, when he made off into the forest, having slipped his clothes on in the dark.

On Thursday the party left Coquille with their seven prisoners. Deputy Sheriff Laird was accompanied by Clerk A. P. Davis and L. W. Travers, of Marshfield and Charles Watson, who were acting as guards. The first night they stopped near Sitkum and the party being too large to stay at one place divided. Traver and Watson taking Smith, O'Brien and Kelly, the man who broke his parole here, and William Young, guilty of adultery, to the home of James Laird, there to spend the night.

W. C. Laird was awakened shortly after midnight and told of the escape of O'Brien. The wires were down and he was unable to get Sheriff Johnson on the telephone. The people of the neighborhood were afraid to aid the officers and through the night they searched in the dark. About 9 o'clock the next morning, after offering in vain a \$25 reward for the capture of the man, the deputy sheriff came upon O'Brien hiding under a stump. "I was within ten feet of him before I saw the man," said Mr. Laird.

For the remainder of the distance into Roseburg the prisoners were without handcuffs, the guards telling them they would be shot if they attempted to escape. They were met outside of Roseburg by Sheriff Quine.

O'Brien told his companions he had expected to come down the following night to the James Laird house and there get a gun and horse to make good his escape. O'Brien has small hands and feet and it is claimed that he can slip any handcuff ever made. He said that he would just as soon be shot as sent to prison.

BLUE PRINTS. 159 FRONT ST.

ELDER BESTS IN RACE TO PORTLAND

By Two Hours Breakwater Loses in Race to Astoria—Elder Out Again

With a passenger list of thirty persons the George W. Elder arrived in this morning from Portland and at 1 o'clock left for Eureka. When the Elder left here on last Saturday morning she was preceded 20 minutes down the Bay by the Breakwater, but the first officer this morning declared that the Elder passed Captain Macgown before reaching the bar, beating the Breakwater into Astoria by two hours and arriving in Portland one hour and 35 minutes ahead of the other steamship.

Those who arrived from the north this morning were: W. C. Bradley, Clara Seaton, Hazel Joly, L. A. Woodworth, Mrs. G. Penwick, Henry McKinley, Mrs. McKinley, Fanny Wasson, B. R. Keller, Alva T. Custer, Mrs. A. T. Custer, F. P. Leekley, L. Willis, J. Hanson, F. Whitmer, Fred Sax, Jack Lester, Susan Carpenter, R. C. Carpenter, Frank S. Fehr, Oliver Fehr, Mrs. D. Morten, Chas. Spray, C. Strongberg, J. Bergman, R. G. Nelson, H. Tobeer, N. Astall, J. Pascoe, A. McDonald.

Those who left this afternoon for Eureka were: John A. Prentice and wife; Mrs. A. M. Rozell, Ole Oleson, Mrs. Henry Quill, George W. Dellman, B. Polson and H. Hars.

COQUILLE BOAT TO SIUSLAW

G. Rank of Coquille spent a week here looking over the situation to see what chance there is for business for another boat on the Siuslaw. Mr. Rank and three partners own boats on the Coquille and are planning to bring one of them to the Siuslaw. The boat is 72 feet long, 15 feet beam, and has license for carrying 100 passengers. Besides it can carry several tons of freight and has a speed of 11 to 12 miles per hour. —Florence West.

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