DOINGS OF CITY COUNCIL

EXONERATE SMITH OF DRUNKENNESS

Council Hears Witnesses Following Accusations of Special Office J. C. Doane

Charges of carelessness and drunkenness made by Special Officer J. C. Doane against Engineer Gordon Smith, of the Fire Department, was officially squashed last evening, following an examination of witnesses following the appearance of Smith asking that a thorough investigation of the trouble be made. Testimony showed that the officer for some time had been on bad terms with not only the members of the police force, but of the Fire Department as well.

After clearing Smith the Mayor discussed the employment of a new special officer and that the Council curtail the $20 monthly paid to Mr. Doane as the city's share in his salary, the remaining $70 being paid by the merchants for their patrol. No definite action was taken after the members of the Council had expressed their approval of the procedure.

Air Old Troubles.

A complete airing of troubles that date back over several months was given last evening. Both sides summoned their witnesses while the Council and Mayor sat as both judges and lawyers, probing into the heart of the trouble long before making their decision.

Several times, stated Gordon Smith, he had had differences with Doane and on two occasions in the fire hall had taken his club away and thrown it into a corner fearing that Doane would strike him with it.

Trouble came to a head on Saturday evening when the call came for the department to respond to the Bunker Hill alarm and Smith went out in charge of the fire truck. Officer Doane declared that he "acted crazy, or drunk or something. He came out of the fire hall and went up the street about 45 miles an hour without a bell or a whistle and none of his lights burning.'

Threatened with Gun.

It was this statement that led to further differences after the return of the department to the hall and Smith stated to the Council that when he accosted Doane the latter threatened to draw his gun stating that if he came any closer "there will be a funeral around here."

The charges were laid before the Council by Fire Chief Dan Keating. "They say we have a drunken chaffeur on the engine. He is the best drunken chaffeur that I ever saw. Also I want to say that he did not travel 45 miles an hour and that his lights were burning."

Smith Denies Charges.

Smith was called. He said:

"Doane declares that there is a drunken bunch around the fire hall. About seven o'clock Saturday evening L. E. Bliven came into the hall with three bottles of beer, one of which he opened and there were four of us that emptied the bottle. I had one glass. That was early in the evening and Doane was in the hall at the time. The fire came four hours later. The searchlight and the red light on the machine were lighted when I left the hall and my speedometer registered but 30 miles an hour when we reached Bunker Hill."

"I think that Officer Doane ought to explain his assertions," stated Councilman Kimball, "and further, I think it is mighty poor practice for any of the men to drink in the fire hall. I believe there are no active members of the department that use liquor to any great extent yet they should leave no room for talk."

"When Doane had a fire at his place a month ago he passed around a flask of whiskey afterwards and then took a good swig of it himself" stated Gordon Smith.

No Drinking in Fire Hall.

"Well," said Councilman Albrecht. "I move that hereafter there be no drinking in the fire hall and that any breaking of this rule will lead to the dismissal of the parties concerned." The rule was passed unanimously.

Officer Doane was called.

"I made the assertion," he said. "I saw them drinking in the station about half an hour before the machine started to the fire. It had no lights on it and I yelled at Gordon as he went by, to turn on the lights. This sort of thing has gone on about long enough; it is three years now to my own knowledge.

"I opened the doors to let Smith out," said Officer Richardson, and I know that he had his lights on." Councilman Kimball also testified that he had seen the lights burning and that the engine was not going very fast.

"It couldn't start cold from the hall and get up a speed of 45 miles an hour between the station and the corner of Central and Front where the first stop was made."

Machine for Speed

"What have we got the machine for if it isn't to make speed with?" was the query of Councilman Ferguson.

More witnesses were called. Chas. Jensen, on duty as engineer in the absence of Harold Stutsman, corroborated the testimoney of Smith and denied there had ever been any such thing as drunkenness about the station.

Dr. Straw, called by Mr. Doane as a witness, stated that he was with Doane when the machine passed and that the red tail light was burning. It was shown tnat the same switch that operates the rear light also turned on the front one. "This is a one-sided proposition," declared Doane. "I have seen drinking down there several times." Smith brought in testimony to show that Doane had one night purchased a flask of whiskey wnile on his beat.

"But I was a sick man," said Doane, "and needed a hot toddy and that is why."

"All of your witnesses seem to be against you," said Mayor Allen to Officer Doane and immediately followed the motion of Carl Albrecht to exonerate Gordon Smith. was unanimously passed.

The first regular trains ran over the new railroad from Oregon City to Mt. Angel on January 30th.

The Union Meat Company will spend $100,000 on a Portland plant.

The Dorenbecher Furniture Co., of Portland, will enlarge their plant with a six-story concrete factory.

STREETS PLANNED OVER FILLED AREA

Engineer Gidley Investigates Opening Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Streets

The improvement of Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth streets across the Mill Slough fill is necessary and must be done as soon as possible, was the decision of the city council last evening. City Engineer Gidley was authorized to investigate the proposition and report at the next meeting.

Already Mr. Gidley is firm in his belief that grading cannot yet be done in opening these streets. "The fill is settling there continually," he said, "and I believe that now is not the time for grading."

This being the case it is probable the piling will have to be driven for the laying of the planking.

That heavy trucks are in the habit of driving on the curbs of the streets and backing against them in such a manner that will soon leave the curbing badly in need of repair, was the statement of Mr. Gidley. No action was taken on this matter, though the councilmen declared that something must be done.

Pools formed on the top of the Mill Slough fill are dangerous and will become breeding places for flies, mosquitoes and all sorts of disease, reported Dr. Straw, health officer. He came before the council asking if the $1000 paid by the city for the opening of the drain box also included the surface drainage of the north arm of the slough. An examination of the contract showed that it did not though the members asserted that the drainage would have to be done, for the present state of affairs is becoming a health menace.

Award Printing of City.

Bids from both The Times and the Evening Record were opened by Recorder Butler and in both cases the bid was for five cents a line. As a result the councilmen agreed to give each paper the city printing covering a period of six months, The Times to take the printing after July 1.

Mayor Allen stated that the price was "almost double what they paid last year," to which John Goss replied, "It is just this proposition of attempting to cut down on the printing that is giving the city trouble in its improvement notices."

Bill for Flooded Property.

S. B. Cathcart presented a bill of $510 as due him because of the flooding of his property and garden at the time Mill Slough was filled. At that time the Port Commissioners found it would be cheaper to allow damages for the flooding than to attempt to prevent it. A duplicate copy of the bill was sent to the Port, according to Mr. Cathcart. He agreed to cut off an item of $60 charged for not being able to use his garden last year, providing a suitable drain would be put in for the clearing of the water from his property.

Mr. Goss stated his opinion that the bill should be assessed against the property owners benefitted by the fill for the reason that it was part of the project.

Plans and specifications for concrete steps on the corners in front of the Chandler Hotel and the Irving Block on Central avenue will be drawn up by the city engineer. W. S. Chandler had asked the council for the right to build either the steps or an inclined plane. The steps were deemed the best means. They are now necessary because of the gradual sinking of the street near the edge of the sidewalks, making it difficult to step from the street onto the sidewalk.

Apoint Sewer Viewers.

Three viewers were appointed to proportion the amount of benefit derived by property owners along the route of the proposed Seventh street sewer as it was proposed at the last meeting of the council. The viewers are Dr. George Leslie, J. W. Watt and A. T. Haines.

Permission to blow out stumps on his property at the corner of Tenth street and Green avenue was granted to Alex Haglund. He will be made responsible for any damage that may ensue from the use of powder there.

Eugene O'Connell appeared before the council asking that a drain be laid across his Second street property and the city engineer was instructed to investigate and see what could be done in the matter.

The King-Fisher Mattress Co has moved into its new fireproof plant at Albina avenue.

Additions will be built to two large hotels at Albany.

Ashland is building a scenic highway.

ENORMOUS CLEARING OF SHOES

Last Thursday we started the sale on the $15,000 CLAUSEN Shoe Stock in the old Clausen Store, and the store has been packed with buyers every hour each day. Even with the thousands of Shoes sold, there are IMMENSE ASSORTMENTS OF

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$3.00 now	95c
$3.50 now	$1.10
$4.00 and $5.00 now	$1.45

Lot. No. 2.
LADIES' BUTTON and LACE SHOES.

$2.50 and $3.00 now	$1.35
$3.50 now	$1.85
$4.00 now	$2.45

Lot No. 5
MEN'S DRESS SHOES

One lot of Men's $4.00 and $5.00 Dress Shoes now	$2.15
Men's Tan Button Shoes, $5.00 now	$3.35

Lot No. 3
CHILDREN'S SHOES and PUMPS

$1.50 now	[illegible]
$2.00 now	[illegible]
$2.50 now	[illegible]

Lot No. 6.
MEN'S HEAVY WORK SHOES

$2.50 now	[illegible]
$3.00 now	[illegible]
$4.00 now	[illegible]
Men's Ball Brand Rubber Boots, $5.00 now	[illegible]
Boots $7.50, now	[illegible]

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STORE WILL REMAIN OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL 9: P. M.

"Money Talks" Hub Clothing and Shoe Co. MONEY TALKS "Money Talks"

TO BLOCK HOLES IN VEHICLE LAW

Automobile Ordinance Taxing Machines Must be Airtight, Says City Attorney Goss

"Vehicle ordinances are easier broken that made," declare City Attorney John D. Goss to the Council last evening when the subject of taxing automobiles arose again like a spectre during the closing hours of the session. Five have been drawn for the city of Portland and three of tnem have fallen before the onslaughts of the Supreme Court said the attorney.

Tax legistlation and also the cry of taxing in the guise of licenses is the heavy hammer used to descend on the ordinance that would cause automobiles to pay a divvy into the city treasury for their use of the roads. For montns this subject has hovered about in the Council Chamber, coming out at times to bark it's way into prominence.

At the present time Mr. Goss has a rough draft of an ordinance that he expects to submt soon to the City Council. "It's a long job," he asserted, "for the idea is to draw up something that the Supreme Court won't shoot full of holes."

Meier & Frank Company in Portland aided in throwing out one traffic ordinance on the grounds that it discriminated, taxing the company's auto trucks but not the horse-drawn vehicles.

Fire Engine to Aid.

Fire Chief Keating brought up the subject as to whether or not he has the right to send the fire truck out of the city when it is necessary. "There has been some criticism," he said, "and I want to know how far my authority goes."

That the machine should be sent was the concensus of Council opinion. A fire loss in Bunker Hill, Eastport, or North Bend vitally affects Marsnfield, they declared, and hereafter the machine will be available for use in any of the surrounding communities. With the fire or truck gone from the city there always remain the two steam engines in case of emergency fires in town and at the station there is always some one on duty.

Previously there has been no blast of the Smith Mill siren in cases of fires occurring outside of the city limits. Hereafter the alarm will be two long and two short blasts of the big whistle.

Library Short Funded.

Payment of fire insurance is bothering the library board, asserted Mr. Goss, who stated that the members seek to have the city take over the expense of paying insurance on the building on the grounds that it is city property. "With but $105 now coming in to them monthly, the library is hard pressed until April 1 when the five-eighths of a mill tax comes into action," said Mr. Goss.

But the Council was firm in its belief that the tax will be sufficient for the library and that the institution should pay for the insurance on the building as well as on the books, some of them stating that insurance companies would be willto advance the insurance for the present until the money is available for the five-eighths mill tax.

Water Right Relinquishment.

Robert Marsden now seeks the sum of $580 due him for the relinquishment of his water right on city park property, stated Mr. Goss, who also said that the title is not altogether clear and that little can be done until that is cleared up, a mortgage still blocking the records.

MUCH TRESTLE TO BUILD

Engineer Fontaine Tells of Progress on Coos Bay-Eugene Line

EUGENE, Or., Feb. 2.—That the tunnels on the Willamette Pacific railway will be completed inside of 60 days except one, and that all of the grading will be compelted inside of three months is the statement of W. R. Fontaine, assistant engineer on the Eugene-Coos Bay branch of the Southern Pacific railway.

The one tunnel excepted is No. 7 south of the Umpqua River. There is between 350 and 400 feet of this tunnel yet to excavate out of the solid rock, but good progress is being made and his estimate of the time required to complete it may be lowered. Daylight can be seen through all of the tunnels now except the one mentioned.

Work on the big bridge across an arm of Coos Bay is being prosecuted vigorously, but that on the bridge across the Siuslaw has not yet been started. Mr. Fontaine said that it will take a long time to complete these bridges and that it is very difficult to predict the date when trains will be able to run over them.

He stated that grading through the property of the Point Terrace sawmill below Mapleton will start in a very short time. The right-of-way extends through the property for about half a mile. As soon as the right-of-way through the rock quarry property is obtained through condemnation proceedings, grading through that stretch will be done and the rails may be laid to the bridge site near Acme.

"There will have to be an enormous lot of trestle work done across the numerous lakes between the Siuslaw and Coos Bay," said Mr. Fontaine. "The bottoms of these lakes are very soft and the trestles cannot be put in until the fills leading up to them are completed."

SWIMMING TANKS WILL SOON OPEN

Water is Admitted as Test—Ready for Use Next Week—Rules Prepared

For the first time water has been admitted into the gymnasium swimming tanks and by the end of the week the pools will be filled with warm water and will then be ready for use by the students and the members of the two athletic clubs. Professor Tiedgen has already prepared his schedule of rules and the times at which the gymnasium will be available for others than the students.

Beginning next week the men will have the following hours for use of the gymnasium, Tuesday and Thursday evenings from seven until nine o'clock and from five to seven o'clock on the afternoons of Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. The woman will have Monday and Wednesday evenings from seven to nine o'clock.

There will be some responsible person in charge of the gymnasium at all hours it is in use; the rules will be published and those who disobey them will be denied the use of the building. A small fee will also be charged of all outsiders, a fee that will be but a nominal one, states Professor Tiedgen.

It is suggested that all who want to use the gymnasium should join either the men's or woman's clubs, this being to allow definite organization to be responsible for all who come there. Already the woman have organized with a membership of more than 30 women.

Among the important rules are these; put on gym shoes before going on the floor; take a shower bath before entering the pools; do not stay in the plunge more than 30 minutes; no shoes or stockings will be allowed in the swimming tank neither will the high school be responsible for lost valuables. Because of the number that probably will use the gymnasium it is urged that the rules be strictly adherred to and that everyone take his exercise and then leave to make room for the remainder.

Regular athletic classes will probably be organized for the high school students though at the present time there is no athletic director for either the boys or the girls.

The Portland Moose will erect a lodge building at Fourth and Taylor streets to cost $125,000.

The Baker County Tax Payers' League opposes a half-mill levy by the state for irrigation, lso one mill levy for highwys.

ELDER BUCKS H[illegible] WIND DOWN C[illegible]

Arrives in Last Evening [illegible] 52 Passengers—L[illegible] At Noon for Eur[illegible]

With 52 passengers from [illegible] the George W. Elder arrived [illegible] Portland about 6 o'clock [illegible] ting after bucking a [illegible] down the coast. Delay in [illegible] here was occasioned by a [illegible] from Astoria on Sunday, [illegible] Elder was forced to wait [illegible] tide. She left at noon today [illegible] eka.

Those who arrived from [illegible] were:

Metta E. Hansen, Mary [illegible] Mabel Billings, E. D. Mey[illegible] Stevens, J. R. Stanley, Jess[illegible] Capt. E. S. Edwards, Geo. [illegible] A. F. Merrill, Agnes Whit[illegible] Syble Roberts, Agnes M. [illegible] Mrs. M. MacDonald, Mrs. J. [illegible] C. B. Pruvitt, K. W. Goodi[illegible] West, H. M. Trowbridge, P. [illegible] zell, Mrs. Hartzell, Pres Ore[illegible] Hollister, Mrs. Grace Nev[illegible] Rasmussen, Mrs. P. B. Ilse[illegible] R. Moe, A. W. Landquist, [illegible] Bohrer, Emma Bushing, Gr[illegible] ing, J. R. Henderson, Mrs. [illegible] son, A. J. Warzetha, Rose [illegible] A. B. Burk, Mrs. Burk, J. [illegible] H. H. Lincoln, W. A. Bri[illegible] M. M. Bull, Dr. T. A. Pa[illegible] S. D. Allen, Mrs. Sam Ap[illegible] E. Zimmerman, E. A. Sy[illegible] gis, J. Gaitarvus, J. H. Sh[illegible] Hunter, Alice Nagle and [illegible]

EIGHTH STREET CASE DE[illegible]

Judge Coke this afte[illegible] decided the case of [illegible] Barry versus the c[illegible] Marshfield, involving [illegible] sessment for the [illegible] Eighth street improve[illegible] He held in favor of the [illegible] but made a special [illegible] that as Mr. Barry had [illegible] and sufficient reasons [illegible] lieving that his lots [illegible] Seventh street instead [illegible] Eighth street, even [illegible] dence showed they were [illegible] Eighth, Barry should [illegible] held for costs.

Str. SPEEDWELL [illegible] North Bend for San Fran[illegible] Pedro, and San Diego, [illegible] WEDNESDAY NOON. For [illegible] see SENGSTACKEN & [illegible]

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