

# DOINGS OF CITY COUNCIL

## FIRE PROTECTION IS WORRY TO DADS

### New Apparatus, Fire Escapes and Auxiliary Light Lines Are Discussed

Smoke helmets, life nets and a health inspector were advocates of the city dads at the meeting last evening. None of them were officially sanctioned but the suggestions opened the way for future action, all of the Councilmen declaring themselves in favor of the new moves.

"Our big fire of last week," said Councilman Evertsen, "has demonstrated to us the need of an oxygen helmet that the firemen can use in burning buildings. I don't favor this business of forcing a man to put wet blankets over his head; it's not giving him the proper attention for the work he has to do."

Apparatus of this order costs between \$45 and \$50 and the city fathers believed two of them are necessary. Oxygen tanks carried on the back of the wearer allow from three to ten minutes in a building before it is necessary to come to fresh air again.

"The firemen are using those gags at the present time," said Mr. Albrecht, "but they are entirely inadequate. The city is big enough now to buy these helmets; we need them. Also we should have a new life net."

It was shown that the present net now carried on the hook and ladder vehicle is inadequate and amounts to "kill or cure" to the person jumping into it. Action on the new apparatus was referred to the fire and water committee for investigation.

### Auxiliary Light Lines.

"And there is another thing that is necessary, while we are talking about fire protection," cut in Councilman Kimball. "The last two big fires we have had have cut off the lights all over the city. We should have an auxiliary line run from the power plant and North Bend should be on a separate switch from Marshfield."

But a few days ago, Manager Jennings, of the Oregon Power Company, took the matter up with some of the Councilmen, stating that he is now working on a plan that will divide the city into districts, so when there is fire in one district during the night, lights might be cut off from that one section leaving the others unhampered and North Bend is also to be put on a separate service.

### Fire Escapes.

Fire escapes that are useful and that can be reached in any building at any time of the day or night, must be the next step toward making Marshfield "fire proof," said Carl Evertsen.

"We have very few escapes on our buildings at the present time," he stated, "and many of those we have are not accessible. For instance, some of the hotels have the escapes opening out of a private room. Imagine having no other way to get out of a building and find yourself blocked by a locked door. The fellow inside, ten to one, would have fled out the window and down the fire escape without first unlocking his door."

A search of the fire ordinances revealed there is no city law requiring such escapes to open from halls. "And in Portland this point is overlooked too," said City Attorney John D. Goss. "They have no law there in this regard."

"Some of the escapes," continued Mr. Evertsen, "are placed too high from the ground, that is, the end of them. A person having come safely down four stories and thinking his life was saved, might find he would have to jump about 20 feet to the sidewalk at the end. He might kill himself."

"The Masonic Opera House should have another egress on the south side; the Millcooma Club building should have another. These are just examples of what is needed. There are plenty of rooming houses that, in my mind, are not properly protected."

## LUMBERMEN IN SESSION

All Branches of Industry Represented at Gathering in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—Every branch of the lumber industry, manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers, foresters, engineers, architects and builders were represented here today at the meeting of lumbermen from all parts of the nation. The meetings are being held under the auspices of the Forest Product Federation.

## WHOLESALE LIQUOR MUST MUST PAY TAX

### Council Seeks Means of Curtailing Man Who Sells Retail Quantities

As means of controlling the wholesale liquor dealers of the city, the City Attorney is now drawing up an ordinance that promises to levy a \$100 annual city license on each of these institutions. The draft will be submitted at the next meeting of the city fathers for their ratification.

Wholesalers that sell in small quantities without paying for retail licenses furnish the grievances the Council is attempting to stop.

"We have had a recent instance of such practices," said John D. Goss, "Some of the men we have to deal with are pretty slippery. They sell, some of them, in such small quantities as pints. That is hard on the retailer, who pays a big license fee." It was shown that the license of the wholesaler is a Federal one and amounts to but very little financially.

### To Pay Contractors.

For street improvements there are many contractors who have not yet been paid. The Council last evening declared these men shall be paid as soon as the assessments are received from the property owners.

### Asks Damages.

An itemized bill amounting to \$160 was presented by Sam Holmes, who claims that his land was flooded because of poor drainage on the Mill Slough fill for a period from March, 1914, to the following September. He asked \$50 for a fence, \$10 for three chicken coops and \$100 for the loss of his land as pasture. The Council declared the bill to be one for the Port Commission and the letter was referred to them.

### Insurance Premiums Due

Though there is a tax that will be available in April, which will take care of the library expenses, at the present time there is little money on hand, and for this reason the library board last evening asked the City Council to take care of the six policies for the time being. Of these there are six, five of them being for \$1,000 each and one for \$4,000. The matter was referred to the finance committee.

### Port Sends Warrant.

A warrant for \$173.69 was received from the Port Commission as the amount due on account, but the letter was again referred back to the Commissioners on the ground that they had no right to deduct \$100 for the salary of Street Commissioner Lawhorn in a previous bill rendered. It was pointed out that Mr. Lawhorn worked on the Pine street fill for the Port, hence his salary should not be paid by the city, the Council contending that otherwise he would have been engaged somewhere else in the city.

The Port acknowledged receipt of a check for \$997.50 as the amount due for the filling of Pine avenue. A bill for \$1000 for cleaning the drain box was received.

Several property owners along Eighth street have complained that it is not possible for them, at this time, to pay the required street assessments and ask that they be allowed to deed their property to the city for the period of one year, this to be later condemned at a proper interest. Jess Luse and Dan Campbell ask this dispensation and the matter was referred to the City Attorney. Such action would do away, though the property owners, with the publication of notices and a Marshal's sale.

## DODGE CAR LOOKS GOOD INSIDE

### EXPERT HILL GIVES AUTO OWNERS SOME INSIDE INFORMATION ON CARS—REPRESENTS NEW DODGE CAR.

R. G. Hill, the technical expert from the Dodge factory in Detroit, gave an interesting and informative explanation of the merits of the Dodge car to a large number of interested persons at the Goodrum Garage this afternoon. The car was elevated on pedestals and stripped naked to the soul, if auto cars had souls. Nothing was covered, every part was thrown open so that it might be examined as to finish and material. The simplicity of its mechanism, its power, its ease of operation and the excellence of the material used in its manufacture were all demonstrated in Mr. Hill's interesting talk.

## WOULD FORESTALL NEW SKATING RINK

### Property Owners Incensed and Seek Refusal of License —To Investigate

"When is a skating rink not a nuisance?" was asked of the city fathers last evening. The rejoinder came: "Is it a nuisance?" and the discussion was on.

R. O. Graves, representing the Ferrey Estate, appeared to protest the granting of a skating rink license for a building proposed for erection at the corner of Broadway and Elrod, adjoining the residence property of George Ferrey.

"Such an institution as the one proposed," said Mr. Graves, "would make life unbearable in that vicinity in the evening. There would be a continual noise from early until late and the moral conditions pertaining are not of the best. We would like to have the granting of such a license in that part of the city held up on this account."

"There has been no application yet made for a license," said Mayor Allen.

"If a man comes for one and pays the proper fee," said Recorder Butler, "I have nothing to do but issue the license."

John D. Goss was called in. "I think there is no way of stopping anybody from starting a skating rink there," he said. "If it is not conducted properly, then it might be declared a public nuisance; otherwise you," speaking to Mr. Graves, "might have it declared a private nuisance and proceed through the regular channels of law to abate the nuisance."

### Could Run Properly.

"We have had bad experiences with skating rinks here in the past," ejaculated Councilman Kimball, "but there are right and wrong ways of running them. Mr. Dotson has been at great expense in making his fill on that corner. If he has a chance to make a profit from it I do not believe that we ought to try to stop him. We can take away the license if the rink is not run right."

The Councilmen were in favor of giving the other side a hearing before taking any action in the matter and the question was deferred until the next meeting of the city fathers.

### New Health Ordinances.

Data which will furnish the nucleus for new health ordinances has been given to the City Attorney and on this he is now at work, after having met with the district chairman of the clean-up committee of the city.

H. J. Kimball, of the health committee, stated that "the city needs a rigid inspection of its boarding houses, butcher shops and livery stables." The plan was discussed at the meeting Monday afternoon of the committees at the Chamber of Commerce.

An inspector is necessary, declared Mr. Kimball, and the pay for such an official could be made up by charging a small fee of each place inspected.

"All this data," broke in the City Attorney "means practically a new health code, and on this I am now at work."

### Loads Cut Plank Roads.

Heavy loads that cut into the plank roads of the city should be reduced by ordinances, believed some of the Councilmen last evening. It was pointed out that the present maximum load is seven tons. The condition of much plank-ing in the city is too weak to warrant such strains.

"But," said Councilman Albrecht, "what are you going to do when we have a fire truck that weighs more than five tons when loaded with men?"

The result was that City Engineer Gidley was authorized to draw up plans and specifications for the replanking of Central avenue from Fourth to Eighth streets. He stated that the drawbridge across Coal Bank Inlet is unsafe and needs repairing.

### Big Rebate Allowed.

Among about 15 property owners who paid for an alley improvement between Johnson and Ingersoll avenues, a rebate of \$1.41 is ready for division and the warrants were authorized for the sums.

### S. P. To Build Sidewalk.

For the protection of pedestrians on North Front street, the Southern Pacific people, through Attorney Charles McKnight, asked permission to install a sidewalk with guard rails alongside their tracks. They asked a written request to show there is no public dedication of the property to the city.

Plans and specifications have been drawn, said Mr. McKnight, but

pending an investigation by the City Engineer, the matter was deferred until the next meeting.

Many Contractors Bid. Dearth of improvements at this time of year made the bidding spirited for the contract for a sidewalk on Hemlock and the replanking of Broadway South.

The sidewalk will extend on Hemlock from Front to Sixth streets, a distance of 666 feet. M. F. Wise presented a bid of 33 1/2 cents a foot; Hagquist & Bjorquist, 29 1/2 cents, and I. J. Smith and H. W. Fellows, 26 cents, the latter firm receiving the contract.

There are 1676 feet to be replanked between Hall and Kruse avenue on Broadway, the planking to be 22 feet wide.

Johnson & Larson submitted a bid of 88 3-4 cents; J. L. Rice, 94 cents; E. G. Stack, 87 1/2 cents; Moughmer & Roop, 86 1/2 cents; M. F. Wise, 99 3-4 cents; Hagquist & Bjorquist, 77 cents, and Henry Le-coeq, 76 3-4 cents, the latter having the lowest bid, hence received the contract.

## ELECTION FRAUD DECLARED UNTRUE

### COUNCILMEN VINDICATED OF CHARGE OF VOTING FRAUD AT THE RECENT EASTSIDE ELECTION.

Following the report of the investigating committee last evening, the Eastside Council unanimously voted to vindicate Councilmen Meeks and Bailey of any fraud in connection with their election a few weeks ago.

Thus is settled a dispute that has waged for several weeks and finally resulted in the appointment of a committee of three, the members of which went to Cooston a week ago and took testimony of persons purporting to be witnesses. The report last evening stated that all rumors had been run to earth and found to prove untrue.

A letter was received from State Engineer John H. Lewis in which he approved the plans for the proposed Eastside water works. The city has filed on water rights on the falls above Willanch Inlet.

Survey of three streets in Cooston was authorized that a street grade may be established and Engineer S. B. Cathcart will go ahead immediately with the work.

## WITNESSES CALLED NORTH TO HEARING

### THREE ALLEGED COUNTERFEITERS TO HAVE HEARING THIS WEEK BEFORE THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY.

Examination of the three alleged counterfeiters sent from Coos Bay to Portland on the last trip of the Elder will take place this week. A telegram was received by Chief Carter Monday summoning himself and three other witnesses north to appear before the Federal grand jury in Portland. They left this morning overland.

The witnesses will be Chief Carter, Frank Proy, J. H. Johnson and Mrs. Al Thrush, the latter three being from Eastside.

Surprise has been expressed that F. O. Green is not among the witnesses summoned to Portland. It was in his cabin and by him that the first moulds were found, the evidence that was primary in running the counterfeiters to earth.

At the time he left here Secret Service Operative William A. Glover expressed his opinion that there would be no examination of the three prisoners for several weeks and probably not until some time in the next summer or fall.

Though J. S. Stevens waived examination before A. K. Peck, United States Commissioner, he very vigorously denied his guilt, declaring that he had no part in the operation of Z. G. Harshman, who he claimed as a sick friend he had gone to help. The partner to Stevens in the dye works, Robert Baker, is held on the one charge, that of passing a counterfeit 50-cent piece.

### BAUMGARTNER IS FREE

Former Agent of Alliance and of Arrow Line Boats Exonerated

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 24.—Circuit Judge Davis directed the Jury trying F. P. Baumgartner, former agent of Swayne & Hoyt, owners of the Arrow Line steamers, to return a verdict acquitting Baumgartner of a charge of embezzling \$97.47 from the employers. Judge Davis held the evidence was insufficient to warrant allowing the case to continue. A similar charge involving a larger sum is pending and will be tried later when a civil case involving the same facts is disposed of.

## Here Are The Latest Modes in Suits, Coats and Dresses



Yesterday's steamer brought us another new line direct from the manufacturers and they are being unpacked and arranged today and will be ready for your inspection tomorrow.

This arrival of smart apparel in the new Spring modes is most gratifying. They express every new style feature; they show the modish Spring shades; they are smart in trimmings; becoming in lines and wonderfully moderate in prices. Materials, tailoring and finishing the best.

In the dresses, first of all, the skirts are widely flaring and are quite short, some of them being an inch or two above the ankle. Some of these dresses have circular flounces or narrow ruffles on a fairly narrow foundation.

High waisted and normal waist line effects are both fashionable. The most favored fabrics are taffeta, faille, crepe de chine, covert cloth, serge and gabardine. In colors white, black and white mixtures and sand, putty, Dutch blue, golden brown and navy are among the popular colors.

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## SHIPPING NEWS

### ELDER DETAINED 30 HOURS OUTSIDE

In Last Evening With 57 Passengers—Sails Early This Morning to Eureka

Delayed outside for more than 30 hours by one of the worst winters that has been kicked up this winter, the George W. Elder arrived at the Smith Terminal Dock about eight o'clock last evening. She discharged her cargo last evening and left out at seven o'clock this morning for Eureka. She will be back Friday morning, sailing for Portland at 8 a. m.

Those who arrived from the north were:

Eva Weidener, Hazel Pratte, B. F. Ellis, Emma Champlin, Earnest Champlin, Dr. F. E. Warner, Walter C. Baker, D. E. Biggs, Mrs. Biggs, Geo. W. Hazen, G. H. Young, K. F. McLeod, F. L. Adams, Sr., Mrs. G. S. Requa, G. E. Campbell, M. Maaterson, Gen. J. Kendler, Fred H. Williams, Eleanor Sheehan, Mrs. W. F. Sheehan, E. P. Rogers, E. Knowlton, A. L. George, M. Griffin, Jules Goldsmith, S. F. McPheeter, J. O. Ryckman, M. H. Doppelmaier, Mrs. Doppelmaier, H. C. Wray, J. A. Morrison, J. A. Bove, P. H. Soule, Harriet A. Longston, Mrs. E. Whitworth, Miss M. Allen, Pauline McComb, Betty McComb, J. H. McComp, L. Stoffan, Sadie Bur-chell, Mrs. M. Moseley, Mrs. Ted E. Faust, Mrs. D. A. Barber, Bernice Barber, Robt. R. Rix, John Pedun, J. R. Lamb, Frank Mlocko, Tony Wagner.

Those who left Coos Bay for Eureka were:

D. W. Henderson, Mrs. H. O. Henderson, A. J. Kelly, Theodore Bandal, John Monson, Philip Santos.

### NANN SMITH OUT WITH EARLY TIDE

Clears for San Francisco With 28 Passengers Aboard, Lumber Cargo

Though she left down late yesterday afternoon the Nann Smith was unable to cross out over the bar until this morning when the entire fleet in the lower bay got away. She carried 28 passengers for San Francisco.

Those who left out were:

Mrs. C. R. Peck and child, Clifford Wilson, F. L. Wilson, Mrs. F. L. Wilson, J. O. Stemmler and wife, Meek Sad All, Mrs. Meek Sad All, Harry Spencer, Olaf Gorgenson, Walter Oldenberg, Floyd Cornwall, Sam Ross, Osker Larson, J. Albert Matson, Mrs. R. A. Wernich, Miss Wernich, A. H. Noyes, L. Thomas, E. O. Crosby, Miss Kate Farber, Miss Eva Farber, Joe Standish, Mrs. Standish, Theodore Rombee, Dorothy Dennis.

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