

DOINGS OF CITY COUNCIL

\$8000 LIGHT BILL

CITY DADS BEMOAN HIGH COST OF STREET ILLUMINATION

Seek Reduction—To Hold Conference With Oregon Power Company—18 Per Cent Grade.

Six thousand dollars a year for lighting the city's streets is exorbitant. So say the city fathers and in their council of last evening authorized the light committee to meet with the superintendent of the Oregon Power Company to seek a readjustment.

Fewer big arc lights and more incandescents is one of the means urged for the lowering of the bills for putting "light on the subject." Eugene, it was pointed out, is using on many of her street corners large Mazda globes with heavy reflectors, giving practically the same light as the big arc and at a considerably lower figure.

The cutting down of the number of lights was at no time urged, the city fathers uniting in saying they are all needed. And in addition the light committee will also investigate the proposal to place lights on Tenth street and Eighth Terrace, north of Central avenue, though it is probable that only the smaller globes would be placed there for the present.

Count the Hydrants.

Useless hydrants, being paid for at \$3 a piece every month, and of no use for fire fighting will also be investigated, the fire committee, with Chief Keating, to make the rounds of the 56 now on the city's streets. It was shown before that in some spots the hydrants had been practically buried by the fills.

Twelfth Court Grade.

Establishment of the Twelfth Court grade, about 18 per cent, was recommended and will be carried by ordinance. This is the street to be opened from Elrod to 75 feet south of Golden avenue and with the section between Flanagan and Golden hard surfaced, the remainder being authorized for planing.

To kill two birds with one stone and take the dirt from the cuts made in the grading of Twelfth Court to place on a fill for Tenth street on the Mill Slough fill is the project voiced by City Engineer Gidley.

"Save later expenses," he said. And in so doing it is probable that the cost would be distributed evenly between the property owners receiving the cut and those receiving the fill. This part of the project was not carried, the whole being merely sanctioned by the city fathers and must come before them at their next meeting in the form of an ordinance.

Side Walk Ordinance Passed.

Allowance of teams and wagons to traverse the sidewalks, concrete and wooden, of the city at their will is now prohibited. The city fathers, in council debating, have passed the ordinance, carrying with it a fine of not over \$100 and also a jail sentence, should the judge see fit. However, there is an exception made for automobiles and all carriages with pneumatic tires, the argument being that owners should be allowed to take their machines across the walks to garages and that their tires are of no damage to the sidewalk.

Fire Escape for Eagles.

Out of the fire limits and anxious to comply with all ordinances regarding fire escapes, G. W. Tribbey, building inspector, stated the Eagles wished the official sanction of the

city before putting in a fire escape at the rear of their building on Second street. The Council concluded a wooden escape, a stairway outside, would not be tolerated.

Figures were presented by Mr. Tribbey, to show that \$78.75 was collected by him for building, plumbing and electrical permits during March, the biggest amount for any March since he has held the position.

J. Tom Hall appeared asking that the unearned liquor license of Chas. Kroholm be refunded. The finance committee reported that nothing will be done until Kroholm and his former partner, Paul Ritcheil with whom he was in business, make a joint application for the money. "We might get somewhere," said Mr. Hall, "if we'd cut out some of this hot air that sizzles around here and get down to business."

CITY PAYS PREMIUM

DRAW \$125 WARRANT FOR THE CITY LIBRARY INSURANCE

No Interest to Construction Company, Delinquency in Cash Payments, Sewer Cost \$2,083.60.

Nine thousand dollars insurance for three years on the Public Library was authorized by the Councilmen at their last meeting when they ordered the payment of the \$125 premium, thus relieving the library board of a burden that has been making their lives miserable for the last two weeks. Henry Sengstacken, appearing on behalf of the insurance men, stated that they have knocked 25 per cent from the premium and made this a present to the city, all of which was thankfully received by the Councilmen, who could hardly believe that the city was about to get something for nothing.

It was pointed out that under the present allowance to the library not enough remains over each month to take care of the insurance. The insurance has been taken, the agents had paid the premiums. "As a city organization it seems to me the expense belongs to the city," urged Mr. Sengstacken and after a long discussion, Mr. Copple moved that the \$125 be allowed.

Would Open All of Birch.

Mr. Sengstacken protested the opening of Birch avenue for just one block, between Third and Second. He believed that with any improvement going on the opening should be for all the way between Broadway and Fourth, though to the last the Council dissented, stating that Birch avenue is pointing straight up in the air when it gets as far as Fourth street and it would not be wise to cut away the mountain.

"But that would give you a chance to get the dirt for making the grade fill further down in Birch," said Mr. Sengstacken, but the Council would take no action. At its last meeting the City Engineer had been authorized to draw plans and specifications for the opening of Birch only between Second and Third streets.

Need to Clean Up.

"And while Mr. Sengstacken is here," said Councilman Evertsen, "I want to say that his property near the corner of Market and Second streets needs cleaning up. It smells badly there now."

DR. J. L. MASSON, veterinary surgeon, of Myrtle Point, will be at TORREY'S BARN and Chandler Hotel from Wednesday evening until Thursday noon, where he may be consulted.

BAND RESURRECTED

COUNCIL GRANTS TWO MONTHS' APPROPRIATION.

To Give Organization Chance to Get on Feet Before Turning Off Entirely—Borrow Money for Music

The band celebrated its Easter last night and arising suddenly from the dead, as far as city appropriation is concerned, blossomed out again into the full bloom of a city band. Two months will the band be further financed by the city of Marshfield, the Council so decreed and the band members agreed, and beyond this time stated Manager Martin, the musicians will have had ample time to make their plans and be able to hoe their own financial rows.

Three weeks ago the monthly allowance of the city was cut off; the band was told that financial burdens were too great for the municipality to further carry the load of music. There was little warning before the storm and the band members then appeared before the city fathers saying: "We had no warning. We have bills to meet. Give us a little time and we can get on our own feet, to be forever independent."

The action of two weeks ago was to refuse further money, the Council stating the general fund was badly in need of a rest cure and a general vacation. The matter was thought dropped and done for until last night. "I took hold of the band in January," said Manager Martin, of a committee of himself, Dr. W. A. Toye and Mr. Blanchard, "and I found several bills, some running back into October. As manager I planned ahead to meet these deficits out of a regular monthly appropriation and had no warning the money was to be cut off."

"Give us 60 days time," said Dr. Toye, "and we will be on our feet and independent."

Have to Borrow Money.

Councilman Ferguson, Cook and Evertsen spoke in the affirmative, declaring that the people had voted for the band in the first place, and therefore the city should not be too hasty in withdrawing support. "It's a good business investment," said Mr. Ferguson, "for by giving two months' money we are to get rid of this expense for all time to come."

"Do you call it a good investment when you know we will have to go out and borrow this \$300?" asked Councilman Copple. "It's the same as running any business; it has to be done with a degree of sense." He pointed out that with the city losing one-third of its income, via the liquor license route, Marshfield will be handicapped and the money she is losing now in city expenditures cannot be made up elsewhere next year.

"It means going in debt, and without a ray of hope of any extra income to offset the deficits," continued Mr. Copple. "I am willing to give my share individually to the support of the band; I am heartily in favor of it and will go out to ask subscriptions for them, but to tack on a two-months' appropriation now doesn't look to me like good sense."

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Band Makes Money.

Manager Martin pointed out that the band had been a city organization, and as such is still a little in debt and therefore should be helped to its feet. "We made \$168 on the Jubilee Quartette," he said, "and the concert of last Sunday netted us \$31.55 more. We are still about \$150 behind."

"Every time we face opposition," declared Councilman Copple, "we fall down in front of it."

"Well, I am willing to admit I have no backbone then," replied Councilman Ferguson. And so the two-months' appropriation was granted, Councilmen Albrecht and Copple voting nay.

Contractor Wants Money.

That he has long since completed the contract for opening North Eighth street and is now in need of the money for the work was the cause of N. Moon's appearance before the city fathers. Last fall the work was done. "I need the money" he said, there being about \$1400 due him. No action was taken by the Council.

No Interest For Company.

At the last meeting of the Council Superintendent Ashby, of the Warren Construction Company, appeared asking interest on overdue cash payments for the North Front street paving and the matter was referred to the finance committee.

"We never have treated other contractors this way," reported Mr. Copple. "I see no reason why we should the Warren Construction Company."

"And last fall we granted them an extension of time on their Broadway contract, though a clause gave us a chance to collect a forfeiture," said Mayor Allen. In a like manner the Councilmen expressed their opinions of granting interest on delinquent payments for public improvements and the company's request was not granted.

Plans and specifications for a sewer on Twelfth Court were ordered drawn. Meeting as a board of equalization the Council set \$2083.60 as the cost of the Seventh street sewer, running from Ingersoll to Kruse and thence down to Fifth street.

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HIGH SCHOOL WORK

TO PUT HIGH SCHOOLS ON ACCREDITED BASIS

Frank K. Welles, of State Public Instruction Department, and R. E. Baker, Inspector Courses

Inspection of courses of study and apparatus and the standardizing of schools found worthy, marks the visit here of Frank K. Welles, assistant superintendent of public instruction, who arrived here yesterday. In company with Raymond E. Baker, county school superintendent, an inspection was made of the Marshfield high school and today the men standardized the school at North Bend, leaving on the afternoon train for the Coquille Valley.

Standardization of the grades schools has been a policy of the state department for several years and is followed by every county in the state. It has resulted in better school houses, better teachers, courses of study and longer terms.

But with the high schools of this state nothing has been done in this regard until this spring when, after several months agitation by pedagogues of Oregon, the movement was launched to standardize the preparatory schools.

Results, points out Mr. Welles, will be two fold. In the first place requirements of certain amount of apparatus makes for better science teaching, certain books are required in the school libraries, the best of teachers are required. Unless a school can meet these marks it can not be standardized. In the second place the new method will allow graduates of standardized high schools to enter the state university without taking entrance examinations. In other words the high schools are placed on an accredited basis.

Having the standard it is now up to every high school of the state to conform to it, or be branded as lacking. Every county of the state is being visited by members of the department of public instruction, said Mr. Welles.

He was strong in his praise of the local schools, classing them in with the best he has visited in this state.

A patent has been granted for a sail boat that cannot be capsized by wind in which the mast is hinged and so connected with a counterweight as to hold the hull steady.

Red cedar is now being used to make matches, and western juniper has been found to make good pencils.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned executor and executrix of the estate of William R. Davis, deceased, have filed their final account herein. And the Judge of the County Court of Coos County, State of Oregon, has appointed Monday, the 19th day of May, 1915, at 10:00 o'clock a. m., of said day at the Court House at Coquille City, Coos County, Oregon, as the time and place for the hearing of any objections to said final account and the settlement thereof.

Dated this 6th day of April, 1915.
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