

DOINGS OF CITY COUNCIL

CITY RUNS BEHIND PUT BAN ON TRASH ALLOW NO INTEREST

ANNUAL AUDITING SHOWS ALMOST \$13,000 DEFICIT

Finished 1913 With Big Cash Balance—Added Expenditures Worry City Fathers.

There was \$4699 in the city treasury at the close of 1913 above the current expenses of the city government. The reverse was true at the end of 1914, one year later, when the annual report showed Marshfield \$6775 in the rear. These figures were taken directly from the report of Ray Kaufman on the completion of auditing of the city recorder's office.

The Councilmen gasped when the news was broken gently to them. "We've tried to cut down expenses. Every time we start, someone comes in and talks us out of the notion," said R. A. Copple. "And then this year we are losing \$7500 from liquor licenses. I have heard too that several of the saloons are to close down on July 1. That will mean still less for the city. Next year there will be a loss of \$15,000."

The cost of the new fire truck was \$9500. A warrant of \$2775 was made out as the first payment on the machine. There is still due \$7125 on installments. Also the city has been buying in many lots because of delinquent street assessment payments. These are forces that have combined to cull the city's finances.

Not Extravagant City.

"Marshfield isn't an extravagant city," declared John D. Goss, City Attorney. "We are getting away from the village idea that a city can be run as cheaply each year as it did the year before. With our street improvements that are paid by the property owners come allied expenses that must be met by the city."

"A new street means electric lights, it means a street sweeper and the maintenance of the roadway, and then it must be policed. We are growing. The expenses are bound to increase." He stated, however, that something must be done to bring the expenditures within the boundaries of the receipts.

Would Cut Recorder's Office

"Can't you cut down on your office?" was asked of Recorder John Butler. He laughed and said that he could. This move met with little favor and again the city fathers were shooed away from a clipping of expenses.

"That's one place where we can't afford to make a cut," said Mr. Goss. "All these records are in perfect shape. The only way we can keep them so is by having an efficient force in the recorder's office."

Last Band Payment.

It was but a few minutes after this that the Councilmen, deep in the study of several bills, glibly passed the last month's installment to the city band.

Councilman Kimball failed to notice the fact until it was too late. "There we go," he exclaimed. "More money for more music and the report here shows how badly in debt we are right now." He threw up his hands. He was away at the last meeting when the band was allowed payment for two additional months.

"My sentiments too," declared R. A. Copple, and the band sympathizers chuckled to think they had got by "under the wire."

CLEAN UP OR PAY UP EDICT OF CITY FATHERS

Heaps of Filth and Dirt Will Bring Property Owners Into Court—To Enforce Ordinance

Governor Withycombe has nothing on the Marshfield city dads. He told the people to paint up and clean up. So did the Council, and what is more, everyone of the six welders of the city's destiny emphatically declared that all premises shall be notified, and failing to heed, shall be punished.

A city ordinance, a year ago enacted, states clearly that all "shavings, straw, sacks, litter, weeds and other combustibles" shall not exist within the corporate limits of the fair city.

To the Chief of the Fire Department is given the honor of inspection, the handling of personal written notices to property owners and the subsequent arrest of those who show a lack of interest. This power will be delegated to a police officer. The fine is \$5 minimum to twice that for the maximum besides the hauling into court before a bar of justice.

Colonel Grimes Interested.

"This is clean-up week in the whole state," said Mr. Grimes. "We have to do our share." He pointed out the fact many streets and alleys are full of rubbish. In some places high banks have crumbled down across the sidewalks. Parkings are in need of order. The city fathers endorsed the plan and promised to put the ordinance into strict effect.

A certain species of weed with a yellow flower has sprouted this spring on the dredge fills. It is spreading and covering the barren waste. Mr. Grimes suggested that an effort be made to plant this hardy growth over the entire filled area with the view in mind of beautifying the spots now a menace to the city beautiful.

Twelfth Court Projects

By an ordinance the laying of a sewer on Twelfth Court was sanctioned. Three viewers will be selected within a week to appportion the assessment on the property owners. An eight-inch pipe is provided for between Flanagan and Golden avenues.

The hard surfacing of Twelfth Court above the north grade has been satisfactorily endorsed by the property owners, but a protest was made last evening to the proposed paving of the street 75 feet south of Golden avenue where it ends completely. New notices of the improvement will be posted with this strip severed from the project. This was recommended by A. B. Gidley, City Engineer. An ordinance was passed establishing the grade on Twelfth Court.

Expressing their willingness to hard surface Tenth street from the bridge across the fill to Elrod avenue, E. F. Morrissey, representing the owners, protested their having to put in a concrete sidewalk. The expense, he argued, is too great.

The same attitude was expressed by the Council. It was shown that at present there exists no sidewalk at all. With the street paved a wooden one will be laid for the present. This was sanctioned.

CLEAN-UP-WEEK

BANK CALL

WASHINGTON, May 4.—The comptroller of the currency today issued a call for the condition of all national banks at the close of business, May 1.

CONSTRUCTION CO. LOSES ITS PLEA AFTER FIGHT

Superintendent Declares Made Nothing on Marshfield Paving Here Last Year.

Argument, hot and heavy, with retorts of "study your arithmetic" and "I'd kick my kid if he didn't know better" punctuated a plea of the Warren Construction Company for a total of \$159,98, interest claimed as due them on their Front street project, asserting that there elapsed a time between the acceptance of the work and the payment for it. The final result was a complete knockout in the 24th denied the interest.

Two months ago Superintendent Ashby, of the Construction Company, presented a bill to the city fathers stating that the company had had to wait for its money on that part of the improvement for which cash was to have been paid. The claim was then referred to the finance committee.

Vigorously the city fathers contended, one by one and in unison, that there was no interest due the Warren Construction Company, that no contract had been made to that effect and never in the past had it been the custom to allow such interest.

It was shown that some contractors have waited at least three years for their money and were allowed no interest. "We can collect none ourselves," declared Recorder Butler. "It's hard enough and a thankless job as it is. We go behind even at that and often have to buy property in for the assessments. It wouldn't be right to make us dig down into the general fund for this interest."

"I have sold bonds for ten years," said Mr. Ashby, "and always we have been allowed this interest. We ought to have it." He declared that he was absolutely right; the city fathers contended they were absolutely right and the argument waged strenuous for the better part of an hour.

"Mr. Goss told me the only way I could get it would be to sue," said Mr. Ashby, laughing, "and that if I sued I'd never get another contract here. I don't like to have this club hanging over my head." There was a big laugh and cheers for the "Big Stick."

Made Nothing on Contract.

"The Warren Construction Company didn't make a cent on the work here last year," exclaimed Mr. Ashby.

In the final voting Carl Albrecht reserved his vote. A notification will at once be made to the water and gas companies to lay their mains on Twelfth Court before the hard surfacing is done. The Council expressed the view an ordinance should force these improvements before the streets are put in, claiming that the pavement can never be replaced as good as new.

Bids to Contractors.

But 80 cents marked the difference in the two bids submitted for the raising and replanking of Central avenue between Fourth and Eighth streets.

Inman and Bjorqvist, estimating on the 960 feet of roadway, were successful bidders at 86 1-3 cents a running foot and \$40 for the raising of the street. This is \$35 lower than the engineer's estimate. Hagqvist and Bjorqvist bid \$44 for the raising of the street and 86 cents for the planking.

S. C. Small was the only and the successful bidder for the concrete sidewalk on Broadway between Commercial and Market avenues. His bid is for a driveway at \$22.50, the curb at 42 cents a foot and the concrete for 17 cents a square foot. The walk is 10 feet wide. This is \$25 under the City Engineer's estimate.

CLEAN-UP-WEEK

BASEBALL SCORES

COAST LEAGUE TEAMS SHIFT TO NEW PASTURES

Weather Conditions in Boston 'Jonalh'

To Early Season Games. Now Rain Vies With Snow

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
PORTLAND, May 4.—A general shifting around to new pastures was the occasion of no games being played in the Pacific Coast League yesterday. Weather conditions in Boston again forestalled the playing of yesterday.

The scores follow:

American League.
At New York — Philadelphia 4, New York 8.
At Boston — Washington-Boston, wet grounds.

National League.
At Pittsburg — Pittsburg 1, Chicago 5.
At Philadelphia — New York 3, Philadelphia 2.
At Brooklyn — Boston 2, Brooklyn 3.

CLEAN-UP-WEEK

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our sincere thanks for the help and sympathy we have received during the illness and death of our Father.
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Next Tuesday evening, May 11th, is when Sophie Hammer, the noted soprano, will give a concert here.

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BOY SCOUTS DAY

MAY TAG EVERYBODY SAYS THE COUNCIL IN ENDORSEMENT

State Relief Move is For Benefit of Young Boys—Ask Better Building Inspection

Saturday will be Boy Scouts Tag Day in Marshfield. The city council has endorsed the move, the purpose being to bring here a movie picture, part of the proceeds to find their way into the coffers of the youngsters. Speaking as a private citizen, A. B. Gidley asked the council to stand behind the move. There was not a word of opposition.

"It's not a sectarian or a political move, the Boy Scouts," explained Mr. Gidley. "It's simply the offering of good, wholesome and clean amusement for the lads of 12 to 16 years of age and means for them to expend their energies properly directed." The tags will be sold on the streets by the boys.

Sewage a Menace.

Two houses on South Broadway that throw their sewage onto the flats should be restricted and forced to connect with the sewer, declared D. L. Rood who owns property in that vicinity.

Mr. Tribbey stated that to do this the owners would have to first connect with a private sewer laid by Mr. Rood and pay him \$4 each. It was declared that this was an equitable rate and merely a repayment for expenditures already made by Mr. Rood. The council ordered that the connection be made or a proper cess pool dug. It was contended that the latter plan has been tried and is successful because of the water rising in the fill.

Wants Buildings Inspected.

"Stove pipes that go through roofs without chimneys," said Councilman Everston, "are a direct fire menace. They ought to be ordered fixed. The law says the fire chief must attend to this, but I notice Mr. Tribbey hasn't much to do."

"No, only enough for three men with salary for one," was the retort of the building inspector.

Mr. Everston explained that a barn belonging to a man named Nieme and alongside of his property is being used for "lodgers" and that the said lodgers have a stove pipe through the roof.

Building in Street.

The building belonging to Gow Why on Fourth street projects out into the street three or four feet, said the city engineer. Now that an improvement is being made there a demand will be made that the building be moved back to line.

The insurance on the city library was changed from the name of the library and made out to the city of Marshfield.

A peddling cart of the Farmers' Exchange sent through the residence district without paying a license was a question for the council to decide. It was contended that as long as the goods disposed of are Coos County products no charge should be made.

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