

DOINGS OF CITY COUNCIL

NOT TO IMPROVE FIRST STREET UP

GRADING AND PLANKING OF BIRCH AVENUE BLOCKED

Vote Stands Three to One Against Between Second and Third and Council Vetoes

Permanent improvement of Birch Avenue between Second and Third streets with grading and planking was effectually blocked last night when three out of four property owners presented a petition to the city council remonstrating.

"When the matter came up," declared D. L. Rood, "there were three of us in favor of putting this street through. Now they have changed around. But, gentlemen, it makes no difference to me and I have not fought against improvements in this city."

Those who stood against the expense of putting the street through were Henry Senzstacken, Nels Rasmussen and Mrs. Louise Lockhart.

No protest was made against the proposal to grade Eighth street between Central and Commercial avenues and to fill on Eighth between Seventh and Eighth Terraces and bids for the work will be advertised for, to be opened about June 30.

Sidewalk Completed

The final estimate of A. B. Gidley was \$332.78 for the sidewalk on Broadway between Market and Central avenues which has just been completed by S. C. Small. This was accepted.

City Attorney Goss reported that he has prepared his communication to the state railroad commission as to what action can be taken because the Coos Bay Water company has not extended its pipe line up Tenth street. He said that they have a contract to do this.

D. L. Rood, Ben Ostlund and Dr. G. W. Leslie were appointed viewers to assess the benefits of the property owners for the front street sewer. They will meet on Thursday morning.

Property owners on Tenth street said Mr. Copley, are asking loudly for their rebates on street work.

"Yes, but we can't do anything," said Recorder John Butler, "until some money is paid into us." No action was taken on the matter.

REPAIR DIRT ROADS

County Roadmaster Hall-Lewis issues instructions to Supervisors

County Roadmaster P. M. Hall-Lewis is urging the district road supervisors throughout the county and especially those of the main roads to give more attention to the dirt roads. He has also enlisted the aid of the autoists by requesting the stage lines to discontinue service when the roads are very soft. Discontinuance of traffic for a day or two often means the saving of a considerable amount in road repairs as well as hastening the return of the road to good condition.

He has notified the supervisors on the main traveled roads to get their graders out as soon as the roads begin to dry up so that they can smooth it out before the dirt cakes and becomes cloddy and rough.

TWO FACTIONS ARGUE HOTLY BEFORE CITY FATHERS

Insinuations are Bandied and First Round Won by Those Favoring Cutting Down of Street

The first round of the struggle to have First street between Market and Alder avenue reduced to grade and hard surfaced was won last evening when the city council unanimously instructed City Engineer A. B. Gidley to prepare plans and specifications. This conclusion was reached only after lengthy wordy battles participated in by speakers who stood for the planking of the street and those for the grading and hard surfacing and for a time arguments flew "hot and heavy" with insinuations bandied back and forth.

The proposed improvement of First street or Pine street as it is better known, has been vigorously protested. The street is now a residence street and many of the property owners declare the permanent improvement, that is, the grading and hard surfacing, will not make it into a business section and destroy their homes. Speakers on the other side declared the property never can be worth anything and is fast losing value because of this attitude of many who live there.

More Difficulties

And when the heat of battle had died down and most of the visitors had left, the city fathers looked over the plans and suddenly found the project to be a larger one than they had first figured on.

With First street cut to the level of Market and Alder, then Park, which runs into First from Broadway, must also be cut to grade. This might mean the reducing of Broadway, of Highland and so on "ad infinitum," with the owners who live on the corners "stuck" for heavy improvements both in front and at the sides of their homes.

"It's the Bennett interests," declared I. R. Tower, who lives on that street, "that are forcing this move. It means the confiscation of our property."

"We'll admit it's the Bennett interests, then," rejoined Tom Bennett. "It's a business proposition with us, sure, but if it's for business that is just the reason you gentlemen of the council should aid the movement."

"Judge Coke has been saying it would take between \$3,000 and \$4,000 a lot to do this improvement," said Arthur McKeown, when he got the floor. "It's an absolute lie and he knows it."

I. R. Tower arose, "I am not here to argue whether or not Judge Coke is a liar and a grafter. You gentlemen know his reputation."

Three Petitions

Three petitions came before the city fathers signed by property owners on that street. Two were practically the same thing; they asked for the permanent improvement; the other for the planked roadway 22 feet wide but without the street

reduced to the level of Market avenue.

There are 1260 feet of First street involved in the controversy. Petitions signed by owners representing 657.66 feet, not including the Milner vote which was disputed, formed a majority in favor of cutting down the street. These signers were John Bear, Security Realty Syndicate, per Arthur McKeown, Flanagan & Bennett Bank, per J. W. Bennett; Andrew Nasburg estate, per Claud Nasburg; Tom McGinnis, Alice Tibbetts, M. H. O'Brien, Andrew O'Connor, per J. W. Bennett, Edgar Wright, W. P. Murphy, Agnes Hutcheson, A. J. Savage, trustee Blanco Lodge No. 48, and J. H. Milner.

The third petition asked for the improvement as provided for in plans and specifications drawn some time ago and once advertised for. This would mean a planked roadway 22 feet wide with wooden curb gutters and sidewalks. This was signed by C. W. Tower, E. W. Bennett, E. K. Jones, Minnie Tower, J. W. Tibbetts, Max Timmerman, Edna R. Richardson, J. S. Coke, Nancy Noble, W. P. Murphy and Agnes Hutcheson. By postcard the last two asked that their names be taken from the list and their votes were switched to the other side.

"By this you can see," said Tom Bennett, "that there are 13 in favor of the grading and seven opposed. Gentlemen, this is a public street and therefore is not for the use only of the property owners bordering it. Front street stands the burden of the traffic now. First street should be opened clear through. The attitude against this improvement is a selfish one."

"It's a serious proposition with us," put in I. R. Tower. He looked about the room. "I see," he said, "that we are badly outnumbered by the Bennett interests here. They have made the campaign. There are only two of us here from our side." He pointed to Max Timmerman. "We have lived for years on First street. It's our home and an old house. To cut down the street will mean practically the confiscation of the property."

No statements were made by the Council, who sat silently and allowed the discussions to go on, giving everyone a chance to express his views.

Claud Nasburg stated that he represents 78 feet of the street and that if the roadway is not cut down he wanted the permission of the Council to "canal" through from Alder street.

Lots Extend Into Street

Argument developed the fact that according to the old Clement plat the property owners on both sides have extended their lots 10 feet out into the street, thereby cutting it down to 40 feet in width. For years they have had possession.

"And Tower has put his lot 15 feet farther out than that," said Arthur McKeown, "so has Judge Coke." They don't want to lose that, that's what's the matter."

"It will spoil this street for residence property," stated Max Timmerman. "Every one of us are willing to make the improvement when the times have changed, but right now we do not feel that we will be able to go to this heavy expense of cutting the street clear down to Market and then hard surfacing all the way through."

"There is the ten-year bonding act," said Mr. O'Brien. "No one has to pay right away."

Eugene O'Connell declared it to be "a crime to maintain this street way up in the air," and for that reason he stated his willingness to stand the expense. "It's a question that will come up year after year and had better be settled now," he said. Furthermore, he insisted that unless the improvement was made that section of the city would rapidly lose its prestige.

Protect General Fund

A new angle to the controversy was sprung when City Attorney Goss declared that the general fund has got to be protected. "Every time we do anything in the Clement plat," he said, "the city gets into trouble and has to suffer for it." Questions from all points of the room came hurrying to the City Attorney. "I am not interested either way," explained Mr. Goss. "I am looking after the city's interests."

Judge Coke Writes

Because of his absence in Coquille Judge Coke submitted a lengthy letter declaring there to be no immediate need of cutting down the street but stating his desire to block no improvement when the time is necessary.

Arthur McKeown said that E. G. Perham had figured on the improve-

ment and stated it would take 40,000 cubic yards at 40 cents a yard and altogether would cost about \$19 a foot. Others said about \$12 a foot.

At the next meeting of the city fathers the plans and specifications, if they are accepted, will result in the advertising of the improvement for about 20 days, after which bids will be opened providing two-thirds of the property owners do not object. If they do only a unanimous vote of the Council could pass the measure. This is practically out of the question for last evening all six members went on record as wishing to stand by whatever the majority of the owners favor.

MIXUP OVER ROAD

HIGHWAY NEAR LOCKHART AVE. ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

Old Error in Improvement May Prove Expensive—North Bend and Empire Road Work

County Roadmaster P. M. Hall-Lewis came over from Coquille last evening to investigate a mixup in the old county road near the race track. The county road was supposed to conform with what is known as Lockhart avenue, but it does not. Mr. Hall-Lewis said that when the county road was improved years ago, the supervisor located it in the wrong place and that it is over on the railroad company's property. The cost of building the road was considerable and dirt was moved from where the road ought to be and used in its construction across the privately owned property. It is a hard tangle to straighten out and may be rather expensive. The discrepancy is mostly between Fifth and Seventh streets.

Today Mr. Hall-Lewis is going over the new North Bend-Empire road, work on which will start next week.

Perkins Devised Plan

Road Supervisor Perkins, of North Bend, came down last night to confer with him. Mr. Perkins estimates that it will take about fifty days to do the grading.

Mr. Perkins has just completed the South Inlet-Sunset Bay road work where the lumber was contributed by L. J. Simpson and others. Mr. Perkins has the honor of being the first man in this section to devise the now popular plan of laying the planking lengthwise instead of crosswise. The new plan, which is being generally adopted, is easier on the planking and easier on the vehicles, especially the autos.

Hall-Lewis said last night that so far this spring he has traveled over 900 miles inspecting repair work on Coos county roads.

IGNORES HOMICIDE

Cousin of Frank Gilbert Who Shot at Wife and Killed Self "Washes Hands of Affair"

"Frank Gilbert was a cousin of mine, but if the shooting of his wife was premeditated and not accidental, I wash my hands of the whole affair." So wrote G. H. Strevel, a broker of Wenatchee, Wash., to Coroner Fred Wilson.

Notice of the affair had been sent to Mr. Strevel. He asked for newspaper clippings. He said that he had known Frank Gilbert well and that they had been quite intimate at one time.

The premeditated shooting of another, he said, was a most horrible occurrence and he wished to have no part in the matter. Gilbert three weeks ago returned to his wife, after a year's absence, and after seeking her return to him, fired three shots at her, one of which grazed her back, and then sent a bullet crashing into his brain. He was buried in the potters' field.

CARD OF THANKS

To the many friends who by thoughtful acts, words of sympathy and deeds of loving kindness lessened the burden of grief in the death of our beloved husband, father and brother Alonzo G. Noah, and especially to Arthur Strode, of Vancouver, Washington, North Bank Lodge No. 783, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers of Vancouver and also to the Woodmen of the World lodges of Vancouver and Marshfield we extend our heartfelt thanks. We also thank many friends for the beautiful floral offerings.

Mrs. Alonzo Noah, In behalf of the family.

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Shoes for Men, Women and Children and Every Shoe Must Go

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LOT II. CHILDREN'S SHOES		LOT VI. LADIES' LOW SHOES AND PUMPS	
\$2.00, now	-----	\$1.25	
\$2.50, now	-----	\$1.35	
LOT III. MEN'S DRESS SHOES		LOT VII. GOLD SEAL RED SOLE BOOTS	
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(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

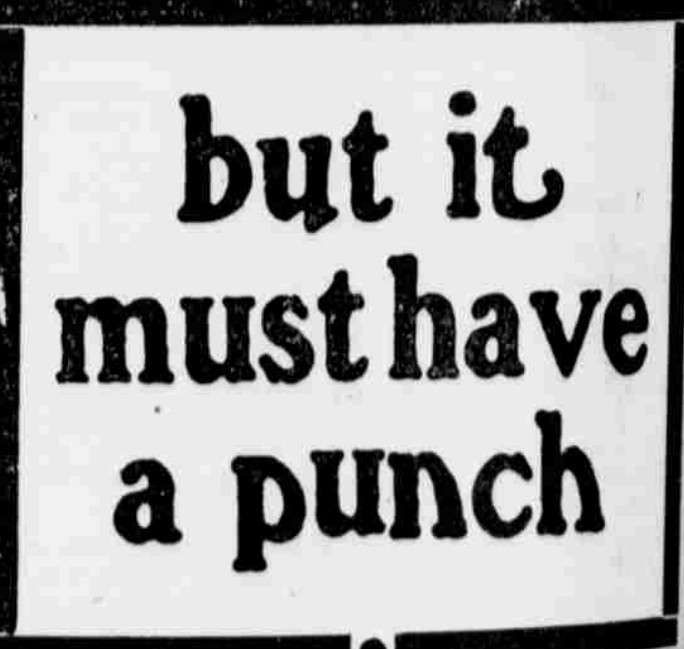
PORTLAND, June 15.—New worlds are being searched for by the teams of the Coast League who spent yesterday changing their locations for the week. New York, in the American League, took a double from St. Louis.

The scores of yesterday follow:

American League	
At New York:	R
St. Louis	7
New York	12
St. Louis	4
New York	5
At Chicago:	
Chicago	8
Washington	2
At Philadelphia:	
Detroit	2
Philadelphia	1
At Cleveland:	
Cleveland	1
Boston	4
National League	
At Pittsburg:	
Philadelphia	4
Pittsburg	1
At Cincinnati:	
New York	5
Cincinnati	5
Ten innings called darkness.	
At Chicago:	
Boston, Chicago, rain.	
At St. Louis:	
Brooklyn	2
St. Louis	1

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(Special to The Times.)



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