

DOINGS OF CITY COUNCIL

PROFILE IS ADOPTED

FIRST STREET AGAIN TEARS COUNCIL CHAMBER

"Back Yard For Front Street" Is New Branding of Proposed Cutting Down of Street

The profile for the cutting of grade of first street, the establishment of grades on Park street from First to Second and also for the lowering of Broadway four feet at the corner of Park, according to the Clement Plat was unanimously accepted last night by the city fathers.

Notices of these changes are to be posted and for 20 days the property owners have a period in which to make their protest of the proposed improvement.

The Council refused to second a motion put by R. A. Copple that a legal investigation be carried on by John D. Goss.

But on the top of these proposals came the stated opinion of John D. Goss that the city had absolutely lost all right to the 10 feet on each side of First street and that the city now faces the proposition of having a street 40 feet in width, 20 feet and more deep and with the sides perpendicular and the city liable for every slide that occurs.

What Profile Calls For The profile for the cutting down of First Street, as prepared by A. B. Gidley calls for an excavation between Market and Alder avenues approximating 20 feet in depth and in some places as deep as 23 feet.

Park Street would be cut down to an eight percent grade up to Broadway and to meet this the latter street must, at this intersection, come down four feet, and Park would be sloped out as far as Second street.

The section of First street that is concerned is between 580 and 590 feet long. Highland is also to be affected, it is stated, though this was not mentioned in the profile.

Start "Pine Street War" The adoption of the profile will probably mean one more step toward the "Pine Street War," declared C. R. Peck, who appeared on behalf of various property owners against the cutting down of the street.

"I suggest to you gentlemen that you find out where you are at before going ahead with this costly improvement." He then presented figures to show that there are 1,250 front feet involved in the controversy and that this includes the lot between the Milner Building and the Planagan and Bennett Bank.

"This is not part of First Street," continued the attorney. "The plats show that First street ends at the section line just north of this lot. There is nothing to show that it has ever been dedicated to the city as a street. Furthermore, the excavation is already done on this lot and therefore it should not be counted in the figures of those in favor of the cutting down of the street."

"Subtract the 120 feet that this lot represents and we have only 1130 feet concerned and to add up again we find there are about 567 feet in favor of grading and 565 against. With the minority so close to the majority they certainly are entitled to consideration."

"And on this list of those favoring the grading are several persons who have switched from one side to the other. This shows they are not fully decided. W. P. Murphy did this; so did Mrs. Hutchinson.

"There are on that street people who have lived there for years, who have made their homes there and who are certainly entitled to some consideration. I mention among these E. W. Bernitt, E. K. Jones, Mrs. Richardson, Dr. Tower, John S. Coke and Mrs. L. M. Noble."

Figures Are Startling Figures presented by C. R. Peck acquired from engineer's estimates, regarding the cutting down of the street were startling and may have an appreciable effect on the final action of the property owners.

Fifteen dollars a front foot, he said, would be the approximate cost of the grading, the hard surfacing, the putting in of curbs and the sewer. He accounted for this as follows for 22,000 cubic yards of excavation, at about 35 cents a yard, \$7,700. This is a cost of \$6.75 per foot for excavating, for paving about six dollars and for the sewer, \$1.75 per front foot, making a total of \$15 per each front foot.

A. B. Gidley stated it would probably be impossible to install the sewer at the low figure of \$1.75 per foot.

Involves Legal Tangle "There are to be legal tangles, plenty of them," said Mr. Peck. "And it is a matter of years, not months. The cases must go into the circuit courts, then into the Supreme Court."

Traffic follows in straight lines. Could you imagine anyone turning off Front street into Market, then turn again to First street and at Al-

CONTRACTS ARE LET

S. C. SMALL TO PAVE ON 12 COURT AND 10TH STREET

Cost to be \$1.60 Per Square Yard

The contract for the hard surfacing of 10th street between Elrod Avenue and a point 165 feet north of the bridge was awarded last night by the city council to S. C. Small at \$1.60 a square yard for paving.

He will have the installation of concrete curbs at 47 cents a foot. Grading of 850 cubic yards of fill was allowed Hagqvist and Bjorqvist at 24 cents per cubic yard.

This same firm also secured the contract for the grading of 12th Court at 25 cents per cubic yard together with the wooden planking at 99 cents a foot, the wooden curb at 13 cents a foot and the sidewalks at 23 1-2 cents a foot. S. C. Small received the contract for the paving, the curb and the sidewalk.

Bids for the improvement were much broken up and none of the contractors figured on the entire contract. S. C. Small put in the only paving figures. His amounts for 10th street were 333 square yards of paving at \$1.60, 250 feet of concrete curbing at 47 cents, Moon and Barclay bid 32 cents per cubic yard for the excavating and Hagqvist and Bjorqvist, 24 cents.

12th Court Figures There are approximately 1030 square yards of paving to be done on 12th Court. S. C. Small will do this for \$1.60 a yard, put in the 772 feet of concrete curbing at 50 cents a foot and 4026 square feet of concrete sidewalk at 18 cents a foot.

McLean and McLain submitted a bid of 33 1-2 cents for 5186 cubic yards, \$1.10 per foot for 224 feet of plank roadway for the north end of the street on the grade, the wooden curbing at 12 1-2 cents and the wooden sidewalk at 24 cents per foot.

Moon and Barclay bid 29 3-4 cents per cubic yard on the excavation.

Hagqvist and Bjorqvist put in figures of 25 1-2 cents per cubic yard and 99 cents per foot for the 22 foot planking with a wooden sidewalk at 23 1-2 cents.

Board of Equalization As a board of Equalization the city fathers confirmed the assessments on Anderson Avenue between Third and Fourth streets at \$686.40 exclusive of the intersections. This is at the rate of \$1.63 per front foot. The cost of the intersection at Third street will be \$66.93 and at Fourth, \$56.20.

Warrants for the collection for Central Avenue improvements are to be issued at once, according to the council. The report of the viewers, Dr. Leslie, Ben Ostlund and D. L. Rood on the 12th Court sewer assessment was accepted.

FARMERS GATHER PREPARATIONS COMPLETE FOR DAIRYMEN'S PICNIC Alice H. to Meet at Coos Bay Creamery All Visitors From Up River For Catching Inlet. Arrangements are complete for the picnic and gathering tomorrow of the dairymen and their families at the Charles Selander farm on Catching Inlet. Prof. E. B. Witts, of O. A. C., is expected here this evening and will be tomorrow one of the interesting features of the program arranged by J. L. Smith, County Agriculturist.

to accommodate visitors from Marshfield Mr. Smith has announced that the Alice H. will leave this city in time tomorrow morning to meet both the Alert and the Rainbow from up Coos River to take these to the Selander place who wish to go. The same connection will be made on the return trip, thus insuring all that they will arrive home on time.

Considerable interest has been aroused among the farmers and it is expected the gathering tomorrow will be one of the most enthusiastic ever held on the river.

NORTH BEND ITEMS Carl Hayes left yesterday on the A. M. Simpson for San Francisco. Capt. Robert Bressin who has spent the past week with his family in North Bend, returned to San Francisco yesterday on the A. M. Simpson.

P. A. McNabb is moving his family from old North Bend to his homestead above Coos River.

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Veterans' Uniforms—Fred Wilson announces that he is arranging to have all the veterans, especially the Spanish-American war veterans, to appear in the Fourth of July parade in their old war uniforms, showing the grime of the struggle.

FIND LINES FIRST MAY STOP TOWER WITHDRAW CHARGE

JUDGE COKE SPEAKS OF THE "GOLDEN CANAL"

Would Have Property Lines of First Street Determined Before Improvement is Done.

No Word From Militant Husband and Reluctant Wife Who Are Fleeing in Big Machine

The following communication to the City Council was read last night: "To the Mayor and City Council, Marshfield, Oregon. "Gentlemen—

"Having learned that through the gentlemanly and dignified intervention of your public-spirited and honorable citizens and benefactors, assisted by the benign, truthful and wholesome influences of a clean and truthful press, that you have been made to see the error of your way when you proposed to improve 'Pine' street by planking the same, and that you have now been made to see the light and truth more clearly and that you have therefore, hastily disclaimed any desire or intention to proceed further with the plank improvement, but intend immediately to cut down and grade to any depth and to pave with whatsoever metal or substance these honorable gentlemen may be pleased to permit you to use, I take this opportunity to apologize for having expressed to you my belief that to plank this street at a cost of approximately 65 cents per foot of frontage would fairly meet the present necessities of the citizens residing upon this 'Wall street' of high finances and congested traffic. But I beg of you that you permit me humbly to suggest that the question of the property lines should be determined and established before you burden the property owners with an unnecessary tax (as we are fairly well entertained in that respect already), and you are further reminded along this line that both the good as well as the bad and avaricious property owners on this broad and lengthy thoroughfare seem to have all placed their fences substantially along the same general line, and in view of the statement issued by your advisers that three of these very bad citizens have encroached many feet into the street, would it not be well to determine or inquire into the question as to whether some of the good citizens owning property on that street have not also thoughtlessly allowed their delicate feet to slip beyond the street line. In any event, it seems to me that this question merits a moment of pause, for it may have been overlooked by your honorable advisers. May I also call your attention to the fact that there apparently never has been any deed or dedication to that tract of land graciously separating the Planagan & Bennett Bank and the Milner building at what might prove useful as an outlet at the south end of Pine street after it is transformed into a beautiful, gold-lined canal? Is this question not worthy of slight attention, and would it not be just as fair to the tax-payer to adjust these matters before burying their money in the deep vaults of your treasury department?"

"But sir, above all things, I desire to say that I am usually a firm believer in the wisdom of the majority, and in-so-far as the question of the character of the improvement which should be adopted, I am willing to concede that you, and particularly your benevolent mentors can commit no errors, but as to the other questions above suggested, they are humbly submitted for whatever consideration you may deem worthy, and if some of them cause you any difficulty or distress, then, doubtless, the same benign and profound advice which guided you at your last meeting would easily and quickly overcome any and all obstacles which at first may appear. "Very respectfully yours, "JOHN S. COKE."

Seen in Roseburg It is said that word came from Roseburg yesterday saying that a big machine had whizzed into town about noon and that it contained three men and a woman. Gasoline was procured there, it is said, and then the machine is supposed to have turned north.

Many here are of the belief that by now Tower has hurried his reluctant spouse across the California line and will then be able to fight extradition.

Serious Charge Made The warrant goes on to state that Tower "did unlawfully assault B. H. Hyde with a revolver loaded with powder and ball and did then and there point said revolver at B. H. Hyde within shooting distance."

There are named as witness B. H. Hyde, William Goodrum and John B. Poole.

The flight started about midnight on Sunday and the warrant was not issued until eight last evening thus giving the couple a start of 20 hours ahead of the officers.

MASONS ARE HOME

ATTEND CONVOCATION GRAND AND BLUE LODGES

For First Time Grand Lodge to Convene Next Year Outside of Portland—Voted on Measure

For the first time the convocation of the Grand Lodge is to be held outside of Portland, according to C. F. McKnight, who has returned from the Rose City where he went as a delegate of several Coos County Masonic Lodges. A new law was enacted, he said, whereby a two-thirds vote could change the meeting place. Albany sent an invitation and it was accepted.

More than 400 delegates from various points of the state gathered in Portland last week. Monday and Tuesday was given over to the annual meeting of the Royal Arch Masons and the next three days to the Blue Lodge. In conjunction with the annual meeting of the Eastern Star, many delegates being present.

The grand chapter Order of Eastern Star closed its 26th annual session Thursday afternoon before a large number of visitors after installing the grand officers. Among those who attended the Eastern Star sessions from here were Mrs. Ellen McCrary, Mrs. S. Lando and Mrs. John Bear.

Help War Masons. Masons of this county are aiding materially the widows and orphans of Masons who have been killed in the European war. From Masonic lodges of the state, more than \$2000 has been sent to Europe. Of this amount \$665 was added last week by the Grand Lodge.

C. F. McKnight was a member of the grievance and appeals committee during the lodge sessions.

INSTALL OFFICERS

Knights of Pythias Gather For Ceremonies For Formal Installation of Heads

Many Knights of Pythias of the Myrtle Lodge No. 3 gathered last evening at the annual installation of officers who were elected on June 9. Those who were installed were: C. C.—O. S. Torrey, V. C.—Gilbert Steckel, Prelate—George Blake, M. of A.—W. Steckel, M. of W.—C. A. Moore, I. G.—Carl Matson, O. G.—Irving Ross.

A general good time was enjoyed by the members following the installation of the officers. Reports were made on the annual county convention held in Coquille on Saturday when more than 500 gathered.

Mayor Albee there has issued a proclamation asking that special decorations be displaced in honor of United States' president. All organizations and every citizen is asked to join in a patriotic demonstration.

WARRANT ISSUED FOR ASSAULT WITH DANGEROUS WEAPON

MRS. HEIM DECLARES TODAY SHE WAS NOT HIT BY HAUSER

Appears Yesterday Afternoon in Justice Court Against Joseph Hauser—Changes Mind

Declaring that she had been hit in the side, Mrs. Susan Heim late yesterday appeared in the Justice Court and swore out a warrant against Joseph Hauser, accusing him of assault and battery. Early this morning both the accuser and the accused appeared before Judge Pennoek and asked that the charge be withdrawn. This was done and Hauser paid the costs.

When asked regarding his part in the controversy Hauser stated that he did not hit her. This morning she also arrived at the conclusion there was no assault and battery intended. Both declared their anxiety to "not let the newspapers know a thing about it."

Hauser is interested in the bottling works at the rear of the Penndale Laundry.

DROWNED IN SIUSLAW

Bodies of Two Boys Who Meet Death Recovered (Special to The Times)

FLORENCE, Ore., June 22.—The bodies of two boys who were drowned in the Siuslaw river have been recovered. The victims were Conrad Peterson of Silverton and Floyd Day of Yaquina. It is not known how the accident happened. They were seen clinging to a boat but before help could reach them they had gone down for the last time.

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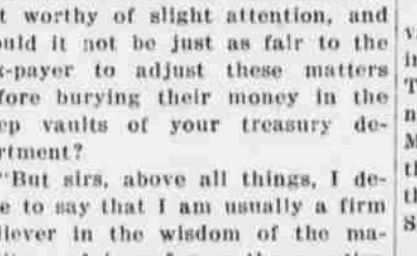
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