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DOINGS OF CITY COUNCIL

BAND HITS A SNAG REDECK BROADWAY LAY MORE PAVING

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL THREATEN TO ENJOIN PAYMENTS

Are Aroused When Procedure of Appropriating \$99.99 is Repeated—Hot Words Fly

With the skids already placed and the ways well greased, the appropriation of \$99.99 for the Coos Bay Concert Band, the same as given by the Council a week ago, instead of sliding gaily into the water with all flags flying, limped down slowly.

Members of the finance committee of the Council applied the sand to the brakes and unanimously threatened to enjoin the payment of warrants to the band on the ground that the procedure adopted is "accomplishing by trick and underhanded methods what couldn't be accomplished any other way."

A week ago arguments were made to the Council that the people had voted for the band and therefore should receive payments until the people rescinded their vote. C. I. Reigard and Fred Wilson appeared as the friends of the band and their motion was put through, the Council being divided three and three with Mayor Allen casting the deciding vote. The appropriation was for \$99.99, because an ordinance required for any sum more than \$100, and this would in turn require the aye vote of four Councilmen.

Come Up Every Week.

Thereupon it was stated that every week the fund would be asked for until the band had been paid up all monthly installments of \$150 clear through from last June to the first of the year. In December the people will vote again on the measure.

Councilman Cook opened the session. "I move that the Coos Bay Concert Band be granted \$99.99," he said.

"What?" gasped Harry Kimball. "Again? Didn't we just pay that last week?"

Silence.

An "Underhanded Trick."

"It's an underhanded trick to beat the law," put in Councilman R. A. Cople. "I serve notice on you gentlemen right here that you can't do this sort of thing and get away with it."

"It's trying to accomplish by trick what you couldn't get any other way."

"Well—it looks to me that if you put this band appropriation of \$1800 in the budget—" said Mr. Cook.

"It wasn't in the budget," put in Mr. Cople. "You're all twisted up like you are on many other things."

But Mr. Cook stood by his guns. He declared that there was a portion of the city tax put aside for the band, and Mr. Cople again declared it was not so, and Duncan Ferguson stopped the argument by saying that "all I know is that we put the matter up to a vote of the people and they decided they wanted the band, and so they're going to get it."

Vote With People

"I fought the band from the start to the finish, from the Council room to the polls," he said, "but the people believed differently than I did in the matter and so I vote with them."

"And in the meantime we'll go broke, I suppose," was Harry Kimball's remark and the members of the finance committee then voted unanimously against the appropriation, with Councilmen Cook, Evertsen and Ferguson voting aye and Mayor Allen again in the leading role.

One Ray of Light Left.

But through all the gloom there appeared a ray of light. "There's one good thing about this business," said Mr. Cople, "and that is that this is creating sentiment against the band and they'll feel it in the voting in December." The other Councilmen thought so too.

Mr. Cople wanted the records to be sure that the finance committee stood against the measure. "I'll not spend any of the people's money like that," rejoined Harry Kimball, and if they want to recall me, why let them go ahead."

And in the meantime the warrants have been ordered with half of the Council threatening to enjoin their payment.

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IMPROVEMENT FORSHADOWS MORE PAVING

Council Will Probably Authorize Permanent Improvement, Early Next Spring

Redecking of Broadway with eight-foot planking as temporary improvement north of Alder avenue was sanctioned by the Council last evening. The opinion was expressed that it is only a question of time now before the street will be cut to grade and paved and the planking is expected to be down only this winter.

With the cutting down of Broadway this street then will become a straight thoroughfare from Kruse avenue to the long planking that begins at Hemlock and runs toward North Bend.

Planking Worn Through

City Engineer A. B. Gidley reported that some of the planking has so worn through that heavy teams are likely to go through now any time. He said that in some places the boards are not more than an inch in thickness and with the stringers underneath six feet apart. It was said that the temporary improvement will cost between 75 cents and one dollar a front foot. The city engineer is drawing up the plans and the specifications for the work.

Improve Eighth Street.

Eighth street, between Fir and Hemlock is also to be repaired and will be raised to grade. It was first planned to make a fill here and to make the improvement from Fir to Hemlock, but it was shown that it was not needed in the project of raising the bridge to grade. Plans and specifications for this are also being drawn up this week.

On the Seventh street bridge leading up to the high school, there is always, during rainy days, streams of water running down the walks where the children must go on their way to school. A raised sidewalk for one side of the bridge was ordered.

The question of paying Seventh street through at least to Hall was discussed.

"It's a worse tangle of property lines than Pine street," warned the City Engineer. "Some of the Councilmen expressed the opinion that the sooner the lines are decided the better and that in all probability the work of paving the street will be put through as well as the making of a cut there."

Too Petty for Council

"Such little petty stuff to bother the City Council with," put in Harry Kimball. "Haven't we got a marshal and isn't he getting paid to see to his men and settle little things like this? This business of running up here with every little grievance is the limit."

Marshal Carter was ordered to have Officer Richardson give up the wheel. Mr. Richardson replied that this was outside of Council jurisdiction and a private bill of his son's.

HERE FROM SIUSLAW

The gasoline schooner Relief arrived last night from Siuslaw river and after loading freight will leave this evening for the same port.

The gasoline schooners Rustler, Roamer and Standard all sailed for Rogue river last night.

MARRIED 50 YEARS

ARCH-DEACON HORSFALL AND WIFE HAVE GOLDEN WEDDING

Will Tonight Celebrate the Event at the Home of Their Son, Dr. Horsfall

Arch Deacon William Horsfall and wife of Bandon will arrive here this evening to visit at the home of their son, Dr. William Horsfall Jr. and family, and celebrate their Golden Wedding. The venerable Episcopal clergyman and Mrs. Horsfall were married fifty years ago in England.

Since 1870 the couple have resided in Oregon and the arch deacon is one of the pioneers of the Episcopal church on the Pacific coast and a man of much prominence in the church throughout the state.

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FRONT STREET SOUTH OF CENTRAL TO BE IMPROVED

Hard Surfacing Only to Old Alliance Dock—Officer Holds Wheel For Automobile Hire

Bids for the paving of Front street from Central south to the old Alliance dock were opened last night. Three contractors were given the work of putting in the curbing, the sidewalk and the paving. Sinclair & Tulley quoted the lowest figures for the excavating and the laying of concrete sidewalk. They ask \$47 for the excavation and fifteen and one-half cents a square foot for the sidewalk.

The paving contract at the rate of \$2.50 and \$2.08 a square yard was given to the Warren Construction Company and S. C. Small received the curb work at the figure of 41 cents a foot.

Quoted Wrong Figure

Superintendent Ashby, of the Warren Construction Company, was surprised when his bid was read that both types of paving had been put in at \$2.50 a square yard. He told the Councilmen that he had meant to put down \$2.98 for one type and produced a letter from his company authorizing the figure.

Councilman Cople stood for the rejection of all bids and the calling for new ones, but the contractors between themselves settled the matter, saying that they all were satisfied and S. C. Small, with a bid of \$2.25 on the paving, said that he was contented.

Until the return of E. G. Perham from Curry County, the matter of the Mill Slough drainage is laid on the table.

An ordinance was passed authorizing the sale of improvement bonds to the extent of \$540.19 for the improvement of Tenth street from Elrod avenue north to the bridge. This paving is already done.

Wheel Still Held

H. H. Wilson had his wheel stolen a week ago from the street, appeared and asked that the Council aid him in recovering the bicycle, which he said has been found and is now held by Officer Richardson for the payment of \$2.50 claimed to be due against it for auto hire. He said Mr. Richardson had heard the wheel was down there and had immediately called his son, who drives an auto, and went after the bicycle. Mr. Wilson said that in the meantime he had gone to North Bend, secured a search warrant and went with an officer to the spot and found the wheel had already been taken back to Marshfield.

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News of North Bend

CITY IS PREPARING COUNCIL IS DIVIDED

NORTH BEND IS DECORATING FOR BRIDGE CARNIVAL

Big Tent is Erected Today Over the Dance Hall—Weather is Favorable

The people of North Bend today are making preparations for the Bridge Carnival, which begins on Thursday. Many of the business houses are being decorated for the occasion.

The big dance platform back of the former bank of Oregon corner has been completed and today the big tent, which will cover the platform is being erected. There will be activity from now on making preparations for the events.

With the present fine weather the management feels encouraged as to weather conditions for the week.

YOUNG COUPLE MARRIED

Richard Preston and Miss Bella Cushman Wedded

At the home of the bride's parents in North Bend yesterday afternoon, Miss Bella Cushman became the bride of Richard Preston, of Lakeside. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. F. S. Shmian, of Coquille.

The young couple went at once to Lakeside where they will make their home. Mr. Preston is an employee in the sawmill there. They both have a host of friends who wish them the best of success.

NARROWLY ESCAPES GOING OVER THE BAR

Charles W. Cronkhite is Rescued When Rowboat Carries Him Into Dangerous Waters

Charles W. Cronkhite of North Bend had a narrow escape from going out over the bar Sunday while with a party fishing in the lower bay. He was in a row boat and was trolling near the government works. He got dangerously far down in the bay and was unable to handle his boat. Others realizing his perilous position and a gasoline boat went after him and rescued the small boat.

Saturday night when the results of the queen election were being given out at North Bend the names of several men about town were put up as "king" to make a little fun. Cronkhite was one of the men posted and he was given a large number of votes and as a joke was declared king of the carnival. After he had been rescued Sunday his friends joked him a good deal about North Bend coming near losing the carnival king.

MAN PERSISTS IN ATTEMPT TO BLACKEN EYES

S. Pederson Causes Trouble in Front Street Saloon—Released, Goes Back to Fight Again

Persistent efforts to assault Ed Strang in the Svea bar last night landed E. Pederson twice in jail and the second time he remained through the night. This morning he was fined \$10 by Judge Butler, having half of it suspended.

Pederson early in the evening was arrested for endeavoring to start a fight. He was put in jail, and, on his persistent statement that he would be good, was liberated.

Right back to the same place went Pederson, hot footed it and he had no sooner gotten inside of the saloon door than he took a swipe at Strang for the second time. This was too much and Pederson went in for the rest of the night.

SAILED FOR CHINA

The Bandon Western World says: Mrs. R. E. L. Bedillion has received word from her husband to the effect he sailed on the 22nd for China via Victoria, B. C.

SALOON QUESTION IS TO COME UP AT NORTH BEND

Effort Will Be Made to Allow Them to Stay Open All Night During Carnival

Whether or not the North Bend saloons will remain open all night on Thursday and Friday during the carnival is a matter which it is said will be discussed at a meeting of the city council which has been called for Wednesday night.

At this meeting an attempt will be made to revoke the ordinance regulating the closing of the saloons. It is said that four of the councilmen favor revoking the law for the two days while two other members, Wood and Everett, are against the saloons staying open later than usual, it is said.

It is understood that Mayor Russell is also against the saloons being open later than the usual hours. With four members in favor of revoking the ordinance, it can be done, but it is whispered about that if such action is taken the mayor will veto it.

In order to pass the action over the head of the mayor after he has vetoed it, it will require a vote of five members of the council, so the outcome of the whole matter is uncertain and will be watched with much interest.

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