

DOINGS OF CITY COUNCIL

DADS MADE HAPPY BANTER INTEREST PROTEST ENTERED

ELIXIR OF LIFE IS FOUND, AND NOT TOO LATE

Councilmen Stage Little One-Act Comedy With Free Admission and Small Audience

Blundering and perhaps fortunately, the city fathers last evening happened onto the "Fountain of Eternal Youth," the realization of the dream of Ponce De Leon, three centuries too late. The said elixir of life and dispenser of happiness, as well as cure-all of everything that is listed in a medical dictionary, appeared in the shape of a small bottle, in fact, a very unpretentious bottle. But what it lacked in looks, it made up in label "Wonder of the World" it was called. The manufacturer, J. R. Hamilton, declared it was all the seven wonders of the world, wrapped into one.

He came asking permission to peddle the extract from house to house through the city, and when the Council demurred declaring he should pay a daily peddler's license of \$10, the originator, owner and manufacturer, came to the rescue. In long arguments he told the city fathers the advantages the public would reap and the loss to them, if they never hear about it.

Hold Guessing Match.
"Will it cure anaesthesia?" ventured Duncan Ferguson, winking one eye and thinking that he had stumped the seven wonders.

"Cure anaesthesia? Gentlemen, I am surprised!" was the rejoinder. "Why, it will cure practically everything. Have you got a toothache?" and he pointed to each of the city dads in turn. "Have you got a stomachache? Or an earache? Kidney trouble? Or have you—?"

The Supreme Test
And he was interrupted. Harry Kimball brightened up and his eyes gleamed. Here was real sport, a guessing match, and he had solved it. His was the supreme test of the startling elixir.

Everyone waited as the question was put. "Can it run a Ford?" and the Council gasped. Surely it could not.

Took Joking as Fun
Mr. Hamilton laughed. He had taken the little comedy staged by the Council all in good humor and had joined in to make the occasion a merry one. Inasmuch as he manufactures the medicine in Myrtle Point, he declared it is his right to sell it in the county without a payment of a peddler's license that would be prohibitive. The matter was turned over to the City Attorney to investigate the city ordinances to see if there is not some way in which the license may be refunded.

Repair Ferry Wharf.
The ferry wharf is in a dangerous condition, said George Cook. After an investigation he has found that many of the stringers are rotten and unless fixed at once, probably some day a heavily loaded wagon, being driven on or off the ferry, will crumble through. The City Engineer was authorized to prepare plans and specifications for making of this a permanent improvement.

Approach Dangerous
R. A. Copple said that the approach to the fire hall from the street is so deep that in taking out the heavy steamer from the station the firemen riding on it are given a hard jolt and probably some day will be shaken off and injured. Also it is hard to get the machine back and forth over the steep pitch. This matter was referred to the City Engineer to figure out some means of improvement, possibly by putting in a covered gutter.

COUNTY SEAT NEWS

The fall salmon season closed on the 20th and will remain closed until the 10th of December, when the steelhead season opens.

Mrs. James Richmond has gone to Toledo, Oregon, for a month's visit with her sister, Mrs. Mildred Gould. Dr. Richmond is expected home from California about the first of the year.

George Henninger, of Flahtrap, went over to Oakland, Oregon, last week to attend the funeral of his mother, Mrs. S. P. Henninger, who died at Roseburg on the 16th.

Mrs. Jerry Peart with four children, and her sister-in-law, Mrs. G. C. McQuigg with two came in from Myrtle Point, where they arrived by the stage. They are returning from Junction City whither the Peart family removed last May. Mr. Peart and Mrs. McQuigg are coming over-land with the teams.

QUESTION OF PRACTICE AND THEORY JARS COUNCIL

Argue For 60 Minutes on \$32 Interest Question and Paving Company Wins Decision

For close to an hour last night the air of the Council chamber was blue and six city fathers, with the aid of the mayor, the city recorder and the city attorney, supplemented by Superintendent Ashby, of the Warren Construction company argued a question in arithmetic. All of \$32 worth of interest was at stake and the paving company "brought home the bacon" in the final wind up of the season.

The contention of the company was that they had bought improvement bonds last year of the city, the bonds to be due on the first of a given month, but were not received until the 16th. "Therefore," declared Mr. Ashby, "there is due my company \$32 as interest on these bonds for the 16 days. We had to pay it out of our own pocket and we had not yet received the bonds."

Question Argued
From half a dozen different angles the theory was attacked. R. A. Copple and Carl Albrecht, on the finance committee, declared that Mr. Ashby was right and when the smoke of battle had cleared away the decision was awarded to him.

Also there is due the construction company some \$281.45 due from last year's work of the concern and which has not been paid.

This money has not been collected, but will be forwarded very shortly, said City Recorder Butler.

There is due from the paving company about \$202.50 for the use of the city's steam roller here and in North Bend as well.

Paving About Completed
The Warren Construction company has completed the paving of Front street south, with the exception of some finishing touches that have been held up on account of the rains and which will be completed as soon as the weather permits. On the recommendation of the city attorney the work that has been done was accepted. This amounts to \$1,386.

At the same time was passed an ordinance authorizing the sale of \$1,273.72 improvement bonds for Front street South.

Pay Arrangement Made
By a special ordinance the pay of the chief engineer of the city fire department was placed at \$100 a month and that of his assistant at \$80. This is no raise in the expenditures of the department, but an adjustment from the equal salaries of \$90 each the two men have been getting.

STAND FOR PAVING

EIGHTH STREET PROPERTY OWNERS PRESENT PETITION

Do Not Want Temporary Bridge—Post House Needs a Roof and Sewer Leaks Say Councilmen

Protesting the improvement of Eighth street north by making a temporary improvement of a bridge and plank, the property owners through Jens Hansen last evening presented a petition to the city council asking that the improvement be made permanent. In brief, the city fathers declared the owners should have what they wished and, though nothing was done last evening, the consensus of opinion was that the work should be done this winter while it can be done more cheaply than in the summer.

City Engineer A. B. Gidley declared that to open the street there with hard surfacing and a fill will mean a grade for two blocks of at least 1 1/2 percent. He wanted the council to see it first before taking any action.

Objects to Crosswalk
At the same time Mr. Hansen inquired of the council why it is that the narrow strip alongside of his place of business, at the intersection of Commercial and Front streets should be paved.

"It's only a cross walk," he declared. "Also the including of this work in a contract puts many out who would like to bid on the sidewalk, because they haven't the big equipment to do the paving."

But the council stood firm in its decision to have the cross walk paved in accordance with other streets.

"We have enough of these rotten plank cross walks in the city," put in Harry Kimball, "and this is just the point, we're trying to get rid of them."

Alack a Day—More Troubles
And alas, there came more grievous to the city dads. The post house leaks. "Oh Heavens," declared one of them when Mayor Allen broke the news.

"It's a fact," the guardian of the

NORTH FRONT STREET OWNERS OBJECT TO REDECKING

Claim Is Made That North Bend-Marshal Traffic Breaks Down Highway Continually

A petition against the replanking of Front Street North, signed by the property owners in that section, was brought before the council last evening. The grounds expressed are that traffic over the street is often speedy beyond the limit of the ordinance and is careless, a fact that has a tendency to destroy plankings. Unanimously the council voted down the petition and ordered notices posted of the improvement.

The petition was signed by George W. Loggie, Agnes Peters, executrix of the Anna Wolf estate, the Luse heirs, the Nasburg Land company, Walter G. Webster, E. E. Straw, Henry Sengstacken, Rebecca Luse Wilson, Alma Webster, S. D. Magnus and J. A. Luse.

Will Redeck At Once
Notices for replanking include from Hemlock avenue to the north end of the Nasburg addition to the city, along Front street.

"This calls only for the redecking. It isn't so expensive," said Mayor Allen.

"But the point is," put in the city attorney, "that this street has to be constantly redocked. Property out there is eating itself up."

Should Lay Lengthwise
Carl Albrecht argued that the plankings should be laid lengthwise. "The more I ride over the little strip like this that we have between here and North Bend, the better I like it," he affirmed. "It's holding up fine."

This is a question that always brings an argument in the council chambers, everything else failing. The argument came.

The city engineer will draw up his plans and specifications for laying the fir crosswise, or cedar diagonally. "Well, this last is getting a little closer to lengthwise, anyhow," optimistically remarked Mr. Albrecht.

Story May Remain
Nothing could be done by the council toward requiring the owner of the Lloyd Hotel to tear off a story, was the consensus of opinion, when this building came in for discussion. Mr. Goss stated that the owner, J. H. Bridges, has agreed to entirely rewire it, and will not touch the plumbing. The only way for it to be condemned or to have one story forced off would be on the condemnation of the fire chief and the building inspector as well.

Hillside Has Slipped
Out in the deep cut on Eighth street North part of the hillside has slipped down into the street, blocking it for traffic, said Mr. Everson. Street Commissioner Lawhorne will be authorized to take teams and get the dirt out of the road immediately.

And on Eighth Terrace part of the fill has slipped away from under the sidewalk, sinking into the marsh of the north arm, stated R. A. Copple. It will cost perhaps \$200 to repair this, by bringing in more dirt.

The decision was to block off the sidewalk, which is little used now, until next spring, when will be the advantageous time to make the repair.

ROAD EXPENSE BIG
Marion County Has Paid Out Nearly Quarter Million

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 30.—For the 11 months of this year Marion County has expended \$251,922 on its roads, according to reports filed in the office of the County Clerk. A total of 52,910 yards of gravel and 20,384 yards of rock have been hauled for improving the roads. Of the amount expended the sum of \$80,744 was used in gravel work; \$44,594 went for macadamizing; \$57,634 for general repairs; \$13,910 for bridge work; \$14,045 for new tools and machinery and \$12,795 for salaries of supervisors.

Part of the roof is torn away. It needs some more tar paper. And so it shall be repaired, the matter being referred to the health committee with power to act.

To Put in New Sewer
And then again, more griefs and tragedy. The sewer on Third street, between Highland and Park avenues leaks and smells, "something awful" said the city engineer. He suggested putting in eight inch vitrified pipe and was authorized to prepare plans and specifications for the work.

Seven days ago the city fathers declared five days should be allowed Eugene O'Connell to take down a faulty light pole in front of his building on Market and Broadway. It is not yet down. He will be allowed another day and, failing then to remove it, the work shall be done by Street Commissioner Lawhorne and the bill sent in to Mr. O'Connell.

ATTORNEY MARRIES VOTE ON ROAD TAX

MISS ZENIA KNORR IS BRIDE OF COLLIER BUFFINGTON

Ceremony Takes Place at Gold Beach—Both Young People Well Known in Marshfield

(Special to The Times.)
GOLD BEACH, Ore., Nov. 30.—Miss Zenia Knorr, daughter of Mrs. R. E. Knorr, was married here yesterday to Collier H. Buffington, one of the leading young attorneys of Curry County. The young people are today visiting in Bandon and expect to go to Marshfield tomorrow.

The bride is very well known in Marshfield, having lived here with her parents until about three or four years ago when they moved to Gold Beach where Mr. Knorr owned a drug store. Several months ago Mr. Knorr was drowned on the Randolph when the gasoline sloop-er attempted to come in over the Bandon bar and wrecked. Mrs. Knorr sold out the drug store there and came to Marshfield with her son for a visit and later expected to go East to her old home in Wisconsin.

Idaho Graduate
Collier Buffington is a graduate of the University of Idaho and a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity. In college he was a prominent athlete, being on the football and basketball teams and was at one time star javelin hurler for the University at Moscow.

He graduated from the law school there and came to Marshfield last winter and expected to locate here. For a time he studied in the law office of John D. Goss and in the weeks that he spent here made a great many friends.

Went to Curry County
Mr. Buffington then went down to Gold Beach where he has been for the past seven or eight months. He opened a law office there and immediately came into the limelight through his handling of the business of the P. A. Seaborg cannery interests.

The young couple will visit here and later expect to return to Gold Beach and make that their home.

DISTRICT NO. 4 WILL RAISE CLOSE TO \$20,000 FOR ROADS

Farmers Come to Meeting in Autos—Bridge District Turns Down Special Highway Levy

Good roads for Coos met a crushing defeat in one district and decided victory in another at the district balloting held in the past four days. The special road levy to raise \$21,000 in the Bridge district a 6.2 mills was voted down. Yesterday at McKinley a special five mill levy passed with a 58 to 27 vote, this to raise \$19,600 which will be expended under the guidance of the county court.

District Attorney Liljeqvist this morning returned from a trip to these two districts, where he attended the road meetings.

High Taxes The Cry
"High taxes" was the wall in the Bridge district. The meeting was held at the Coffee Cup ranch, just outside of Myrtle Point. Farmers declared that taxation is now up to the hilt and therefore stood out against any special road tax. The Bridge district under the new arrangement is quite a large one.

Yet on the other hand there were staunch supporters of the measure who argued that the betterment of roads, means the raising of property valuations. The final vote stood 45 to 45 against the measure.

Good Roads have a host of friends in the McKinley country, which is in road District No. 4. There special attention has been given to the building of the highways. This was evidenced by the fact that a man came driving a machine to get Mr. Liljeqvist and take him to the meeting. More than half a dozen farmers came from their ranches in autos and the roads were found to be in pretty good shape in spite of the incessant rains.

The special five mill levy raises about \$19,600. If the county court votes a 10 mill road levy, as it is expected they will, 70 percent of this amount, or \$27,000 could be spent in this district. Add to this the \$19,600 and the total is \$57,000 for district No. 4 in 1916.

Included in this district are Dora, Lee, McKinley, Brewster Valley and Gravel Ford.

At Camas Valley but a short time ago a special road tax was carried with a strong majority.

SUES FOR WAGES

J. S. AUSTIN BRINGS SUIT FOR \$138 IN JUSTICE COURT

Claims Sum Owed Him By P. S. Pinkerton, North Inlet Farmer—Claimed Worked for Board

Claiming payment to the extent of about \$138 for services alleged to have been rendered, J. S. Austin today began suit in the justice court against P. S. Pinkerton, a farmer of North Inlet. A jury of six was chosen to hear the arguments. The men were Ferdinand Painter, Jens Hansen, J. T. Harrigan, E. I. Chandler, Frank Horton and J. H. Stadden.

In his complaint Austin states that he went to the Pinkerton ranch and sought work and that he remained there, doing common labor about the farm for about three and one half months and therefore should be paid a reasonable wage for his services.

Making answer to these allegations Mr. Pinkerton declared that Austin came and offered to work for his board, that there was no agreement as to wages and that several times he advanced Austin small sums of money that were not accounted for, and therefore he put in a counter claim against Austin for \$11 and interest.

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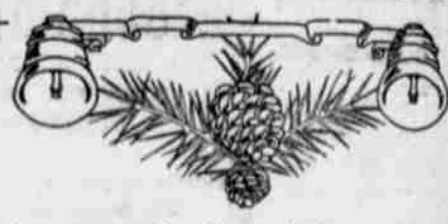
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