

CITY COUNCIL
IN SESSIONVIGOROUS PROTESTS AGAINST
SIDEWALKS AND GUTTERS.

NEW WATER SUPERINTENDENT

Report of City Electrician Shows Extension of Lines and New Consumers for Plant—Routine Business Transacted.

There was a chill pervading the atmosphere of the city hall Tuesday evening, perhaps partly conveyed by a mental impression, two-thirds of the room, more or less, being piled high with pine chunks, causing the visitor to wonder if he were not in the land of North Dakota instead of southern Oregon, where the plumber very seldom has the pleasure of seeing a frozen water pipe and the small boy grumbles because skates are useless.

On account of the chill, or for other reasons, some of the members were not present to answer roll call. In the absence of the city recorder, Alderman Gowdy acted as clerk. Those present were Councilmen Sanderson, Irwin, Werth and Gowdy and Mayor Neil.

The report of the city electrician showed the completion of the extension made on Oak, Helman and Laurel streets and that 24 new customers had been connected up on this line.

The report of the water superintendent showed the laying of 300 feet of pipe on Oak street and that the fire hydrants had all been repaired and various other work done in this department.

Superintendent of streets reported work in various parts of the city with the total expenditure of \$215.75. Also reported the sale of the street sweepings for \$5.25.

A petition was presented by the residents of Oberlin street for a culvert on that street and the same was referred to the fire and water committee.

A petition was received from the employees at the electric light station stating that a new sleeping room was needed for the use of the men stationed there, and the proposition was made that if the council would provide the necessary material the men at the plant would do the work of construction. The estimated cost of this improvement was \$55. This matter was referred to the electric light committee with the power to act.

A petition was received from the residents of Mountain avenue protesting against the construction of sidewalks and gutters along that street. Also a protest from the residents of Sherman street against the construction of sidewalks and gutters along that street, the claim being made in each case that this improvement was not needed at the present time.

A petition was also received from the residents of Beach street requesting that a six-inch water main be laid on that street. This was referred to the water and light committee.

Mayor Neil announced the appointment of Fred Rosencrans as water superintendent to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late William Patterson. His honor stated that the services of Mr. Rosencrans in this position had proven generally satisfactory to the citizens of the city and requested the council to confirm or reject the appointment. On motion of Councilman Irwin the appointment was unanimously confirmed.

Attorney J. A. Lemery appeared for the residents of the east end of B street in the matter of a paving assessment in which there appears to be a legal tangle, a portion of the property having been sold by W. W. Drake to I. C. Moore. Instead of this assessment being divided according to the present ownership, the assessment was made in one piece, and the owners claim that this works an injustice to their interests and that the council is in error in so making the assessment. Mayor Neil promised the petitioners that the matter would be looked into, and if there were any injustice suffered, efforts would be made to remedy the matter. There being no further business, the honorable council adjourned.

Where Pupils Should Report.

Superintendent Briscoe requests the following grade pupils to report at the high school building next Monday morning:

All beginners who live nearer high school building than the East Side building; all pupils who were in the following grades last year at the high school building: 1B, 1A, 2B, 2A, and 3B.

At the present time it cannot be definitely determined what grades will be taught at the high school; the number of pupils reporting at the high school and at the East Side for each grade will have to determine that when school begins. The first three grades only will go to the high school on the first day.

Discount on Fall Millinery.

You are cordially invited to call and inspect Miss Porter's stock of millinery on Second street, between Main and Hargadine. Fifteen per cent discount on all goods bought for cash before September 20, in order to hustle trade.

SWEDISH METHODIST COLLEGE.

Ashland Commercial Club Takes the Matter Up With View of Locating School Here.

Recent Portland papers announce a movement on the part of the Swedish Methodists of Oregon to found a college of that denomination within the state's borders. To further this project, the matter will probably come up before the gathering of the Pacific Swedish Mission Conference which meets in Los Angeles on the 5th inst. Agreeable to a suggestion offered at a late meeting of the local commercial organization, a communication has been forwarded this body, enumerating the advantages Ashland possesses for the location of such an institution within its borders, notably from a climatic, scenic and educational environment, other features being also dwelt upon. In order that this prominent gathering of representative Scandinavians may be fully advised in the premises, should they deem it advisable to include Ashland among the locations eligible for the location of such a college. The normal school situation is not only referred to in connection with this matter, but in a general way the attention of the Swedish Methodist body has been called to Ashland's qualifications along the lines of an ideal home for such an influential school.

Change in Firm.

The interest of Mr. J. E. Gowland in the Overland Garage has been purchased by his partner, Mr. C. L. McWilliams, who will continue the business as formerly, in the line of repair work and agency of the Overland car. Mr. Gowland will still be connected with the firm in the mechanical department.

Attention, Ladies.

300 pairs woolen and cotton blankets will be on sale for next ten days. Ashland Trading Co.

FAILS TO MAKE BOND

Rancher-Bandit Committed to Jail to Await Trial—Insanity Plea Basis of Defense.

Topeka, Kan., Sept. 3.—Wells Lounsbury, the Medford ranchman who shot himself after holding up the limited Union Pacific train near here two weeks ago, was arraigned in the federal court today. He waived preliminary examination and being unable to furnish bonds was sent to jail. After a pathetic leaving-taking in which the self-control and devotion of Mrs. Lounsbury was the striking feature and the composure of the defendant was remarkable, the wife who has watched by her husband's side ever since her arrival and who has cheered him in his misfortune left with her two boys for Medford, where she expects to arrive Saturday, September 7.

Although Lounsbury is still weak from the effects of the wound, he seemed perfectly calm and cheerful and his entire demeanor was that of a self-respecting and somewhat timid citizen who has been the unfortunate victim of circumstances rather than a self-confessed railway bandit. Although no plea was entered, it is generally known that Lounsbury's attorney will make insanity caused by the railroad accident several years ago, in which the defendant's skull was fractured, the basis of the defense. Lounsbury's father, though broken by the misfortune, keeps a stout heart and said today that it would be shown that a man who had led an exemplary life for 40 years did not turn criminal unless there was some reason other than vicious criminality.

"We will have an X-ray taken of my son's head," said Mr. Lounsbury, "and I believe it will show that he has been suffering from a form of insanity for many years. He has never been the same since that accident and that was one reason that he took up ranching in Oregon. This mania for holding up trains was simply mental derangement and he should be held no more responsible than a man who is delirious after a fever."

The two Lounsbury boys are still in ignorance of their father's fate and have had the time of their lives while here. Local citizens have taken a great interest in the youngsters, and although carefully guarded by their mother, numerous attentions have been paid them. They left their father today with simply "Good-bye, daddy," secure in the belief that he would soon be with them at their Medford home.

An Acknowledgment.

Editor of Tidings: I desire to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to you and all others who have so kindly helped me in securing the free scholarship for the Polytechnic School.

Yours respectfully,
PINA BENEDICT.
September 3, 1912.

Park Hotel.

Mr. J. A. Slaughter assumes this week the management of the Park Hotel. The kitchen and dining room will have the personal oversight of Mrs. Slaughter and meals will be of home cooking.

Rooms will be clean and well kept and can be rented by the day or week.

Opening of Trimmed Hats.

Saturday, September 7, at Mrs. Simons' millinery. The latest styles and reasonable prices. The ladies are cordially invited to inspect my stock. 167 East Main.

DISTRICT RALLY OF SUFFRAGISTS

ENTHUSIASM NOT DAMPENED BY SHOWERS—INSPIRING ADDRESS BY ATTORNEY REAMES OF MEDFORD AND THE RECUIITS

Jupiter Pluvius, who has behaved in a way altogether beyond the memory of the oldest inhabitant, was still sprinkling the valley in liberal shape on the date set by the equal suffragists for their picnic. That is just the way with those antics. First, they set up a brimstone furnace, and when that does not bring results they simply form a combine and try to drown us. They need to get educated. Anyway, we converted several prominent citizens of Ashland right rapidly yesterday, so we predict fair weather about the first of November when Amendment No. 1 comes swinging in.

Of course we had a good crowd, good looking, good humored, and with lots of uncommon good sense. The official officers, Mrs. Gillette, Mrs. Briggs, Mrs. Casey, Mrs. J. J. McNair and Mrs. Lamkin, were "true blue." They twined "the yellow" in festoons, and placed banners and strung vines and arranged flowers when they were not receiving guests from out of town, among which were noted Mrs. Sherman Loughridge and Mrs. W. A. Bartlett of Grants Pass, as well as Mrs. Arthur Conklin, president of the equal suffrage clubs for southern Oregon. Mrs. Russell and Miss Noonan were officers from Jacksonville, while Mrs. Schiefelen, vice-president of the Medford club, together with Mrs. Sherman and Mrs. Reames, took the place of Mrs. John F. Reddy and others who were organizing clubs in Klamath county, and, to our regret, were not able to meet with us. There were other visiting members also.

At high noon Mrs. Greenwood, generalissimo of good cheer, announced the coffee, which under her supervision was a record breaker, was ready to be served. Dr. Mattie B. Shaw, our all-round president, invited everybody to be seated at the tables, and to the amazement of our out-of-town guests there were as many men present as women. That dinner was delicious. There were 20 kinds of cake and pie! There was suffragist pie, progressive pie, democratic pie, socialist pie, prohibition pie, and Taft pie. Mrs. Rathbun, Mrs. Charter, Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, Mrs. Mattingly, Mrs. Lowe, Mrs. Croxson, Mrs. L. M. Sanders, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Everton, Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. McWilliams were the handsomest women, and how they helped manipulate affairs. As for the G. A. R. ladies and Mr. Mattingly, they were the heart of everything.

The toasts—well, they were unique and kept us all in good humor. Mr. Lemery, Mr. Kaiser and Mr. Lamkin were the first trio. Then one could hear a pin drop when Mr. McWilliams crossed the burning sands and lined up with "our crowd." His was the toast of the occasion. Mr. Lowe, Mr. Gillette and Mr. Johnson of Wilderville added to our pleasure.

A brief interval followed to allow the suffragists to unfurl their colors in the Chautauqua building.

UNCLE SAM'S FAVOR IS DULY ACKNOWLEDGED

Commercial Club Tenders City's Thanks to Everyone Who Assisted in Procuring Appropriation for Mt. Ashland Road

Road matters or kindred subjects occupied most of the time of the local commercial body at its regular monthly meeting Monday evening. In the absence of President Briggs the chair was occupied by Vice-President J. W. McCoy.

A communication was received from forest service headquarters relative to the appropriation for and construction of the Ashland mountain road in the Crater reserve. District Engineer Herring and Ranger Moore will meet Saturday with a committee representing the club and talk over the situation fully. President E. D. Briggs, Trustees F. H. Walker, F. G. McWilliams and C. B. Lamkin and Judge C. B. Watson were named on this committee. They will welcome suggestions as to the most feasible route for the highway.

D. M. Lowe presented figures concerning revenues derived from poultry, which exhibit is published at length elsewhere in these columns. Mr. Lowe also addressed the club regarding improvements on the roads leading to Klamath county resorts, including Crater Lake, a matter on which he is an enthusiast. Having recently gone over the road, he took particular pains to investigate conditions both in Jackson and the adjoining county, and he submitted a proposition which he is sanguine will bring good results and lessen the present distance from Ashland to these resorts by over 40 miles, provided his suggestions are carried out. In order to investigate this plan and further the work, a committee of three was appointed to consider the matter. Mr. Lowe is chairman of this committee, assisted by B. R. Greer and F. H. Walker.

On motion, thanks were tendered the state's delegation in congress, forestry officials, and other public-spirited parties who assisted in securing the government appropriation for the mountain road, which is the result of a bill introduced by Congressman Hawley last January. As heretofore stated, the appropriation asked for was \$13,500, of which \$5,000 is now available, and it is hoped that more will be forthcoming in due season.

Coming.

At the Chautauqua building, Ashland, Monday, September 9, under the auspices of the leading business houses, in presenting the National Stock Company with a company of eight capable players in up-to-date standard plays. A different play each night—"The Money King," "The Wolf," "Paid in Full," "Friends." This company is not a cheap road show, but a stock company that comes highly recommended and carries all its own special scenery.

Have your seats reserved at Rose Bros. confectionery and avoid a rush. Two hundred seats free each night, provided you have a merchant's ticket. Your merchant's ticket and 20 cents gets you the best seat in the pavilion. Without a merchant's ticket the cost will be more. Seat sale opens Friday, September 6. Positive guarantee with every ticket sold.

Meetings at Christian Church.

On next Monday evening at the Christian church, corner Second and B streets, this city, the Rev. I. H. Leel, pastor of the Christian church of Grants Pass, will begin a series of meetings lasting one week. Everybody is invited to attend. Remember the date, September 9, 1912.

Bible Lecture.

Walter Horace Bundy of New York city will lecture in the G. A. R. hall Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, under the auspices of the International Bible Students' Association. All are cordially invited. Collection.

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MUCH PROGRESSIVE SENTIMENT

Vermont Election Shows Presence of Important New Political Factor.

White River Junction, Vermont, Sept. 3.—The strength of the progressive party in the first line-up against the older parties and the disappearance of a republican majority for the first time in ten years and the first time in the history of the state on a presidential year were the outstanding features of the state election in Vermont today.

With two-thirds of the vote complete, it is evident that Fletcher, the republican candidate for governor, has fallen between 5,000 and 6,000 votes behind the majority necessary to elect. Out of the 246 cities and towns 170 give Fletcher 17,369; Howe, democrat, 12,722; Metzger, progressive, 10,780. A sufficient number of republican representatives are successful to insure the choice of Fletcher by the legislature.

For years it has been pointed out that any decrease in the republican majority in Vermont in September below the normal of 25,000 has been followed almost invariably by a party defeat in the presidential fight in November.

Majorities of past years were represented today by a bare plurality. The republican loss went in a great degree to the progressives and lesser to the democrats.

The falling off in the republican vote began with the first returns while the progressives gained all along the line, in some cases carrying towns heretofore regarded as strongly republican. Yet the dissatisfaction from the republican ranks did not extend very far beyond the head of the ticket.

The failure of the candidates to get a majority at the polls throws the election into the legislature. The progressive leaders are greatly pleased with the results. The democrats are also pleased at the gains shown by the early returns.

GRANTS PASS DAY FIXED

Our Neighbors Coming to the District Fair Friday, Sept. 27—Special Attractions Proposed.

Word from Commercial Club headquarters at Grants Pass is to the effect that at a meeting of that organization on the 2nd inst it was decided to select Friday, September 27, as the date for Grants Pass Day at the fair which will be held here September 25-28.

In regard to attractions, some have proposed a basketball game between the teams of Grants Pass and Ashland on the evening of Grants Pass Day, but the club there states that the ball team is composed of pupils of the high school, consequently it would be necessary to take up the matter with the school management. At the same time, our neighbors would probably desire to return home early in the evening, so that a game such as proposed might not prove convenient as an attraction on the date mentioned. Further particulars later on.

A Minor Accident.

C. M. Bovee, the local agent for the Grand Union Tea Company, met with an accident last Saturday which, for the nature of it, might have resulted disastrously. Coming down a steep incline on the Wagner creek road in his delivery wagon, the tongue dropped, frightening the horses, which became unmanageable and tipped the wagon over, pinning Mr. Bovee beneath it. Several men working near the scene of the accident came to his assistance and it was found that, aside from some painful bruises which confined him to his room for a few days, he was uninjured. The horses were captured several miles down the road. The damage to the wagon was slight.

England to Demand Arbitration.

London, Sept. 3.—It was officially announced here today that the British government will make a formal demand upon the United States government for the arbitration of its claim that the Panama canal toll act, regarding American coast-wise vessels, violates the Hay-Pauncefote treaty.

This means that the case will be taken before The Hague tribunal.

Middies Go North.

Ashland has been filled with sailor boys the last few days, notably yesterday, when several hundred went north on a special train, bound for Seattle to help man the various big warships and cruisers in the various Sound ports, the vessels having been ordered to south Pacific waters for mobilization and maneuvers.

District Conference Wednesday.

The district conference of the Church of the Brethren will be held in Ashland Wednesday, September 11, followed by other meetings of interest to the denomination. The entire state will be represented in the conference by ministers and lay delegates, over one hundred of whom are expected.

Fall and Winter Millinery.

Ladies of Ashland and vicinity are invited to look over my hats. A fine assortment ready for early fall wear, at the right prices. Madame Dilhan, 201 East Main street. Free tickets for stock company shows.

Correct Millinery.

See Madame Dilhan's hats and trimmings before buying. Everything right in style, price and value.

CUMMINS FOR
COL. ROOSEVELT

LOYAL TO STATE TICKET BUT
BOLTS TAFT.

WILL OPPOSE A THIRD TICKET

Iowa Senator Dissents From Some of the Doctrines in Progressive Platform—Declares Taft Administration Has Not Made Good.

Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 3.—Preferring Theodore Roosevelt for president over William H. Taft, Senator Albert B. Cummins of Iowa announced today that although he was not in sympathy with the new progressive party and dissents from some of the doctrines in its platform, he would vote for Colonel Roosevelt because "the Taft administration has not made good."

Cummins also announced his opposition to the nomination of a third ticket in Iowa, which is expected to be put in the field when the progressive state convention meets here tomorrow. Roosevelt is to address the delegates and is expected to urge the nomination of a third state ticket.

Cummins' Announcement.

In announcing his determination to vote for Roosevelt, Cummins said:

"It must be understood that I do so protesting against the organization of a new party but dissenting from some of the doctrines contained in the platform. But the republicans of this country are opposed to President Taft because his administration has not done the things which the people believe should have been done."

Open charges that the republican national committee "stole" delegates from Arizona, California, Washington and Texas for President Taft was also voiced by the Iowa senator.

"The delegates seated from these states," Cummins continued, "had absolutely no title to their seats. If the convention had changed the old system of nominating in obedience to the popular demand, leaders of the new movement might have had patience and waited, but, as though wanting to furnish every reason for a revolt, they attempted to fasten the old system more fully upon us. If this were all, we would be amply justified in overthrowing the system and refusing to accept the nominee of the convention, but this is not all."

Abolish the System.

Cummins asserted that the only way to make sure that the system employed in Chicago would be abolished was to make it plain that the candidate, the product of such a system, cannot be elected.

"Because I cannot support President Taft," declared Cummins, "it does not necessarily follow that I am not a republican. I consider that I am a better republican than ever, for it is clear to me that the existence of the party depends upon a quick and emphatic condemnation of the wrongs I have mentioned. The reason the republicans are so largely against President Taft is that they profoundly believe that he is not progressive and does not believe, in the proper sense, that the people should rule. The fact that this is the attitude of the vast majority proves to me that a new party is not a necessity, but untimely and unfortunate. I fear it will retard rather than hasten the necessary reforms."

Appeals to Republicans.

"I shall vote for Roosevelt because I believe he desires to promote common welfare. It does not indicate, however, that I look upon the new party as a wise and enduring movement."

"My chief concern in the present campaign will be that the republican party in Iowa elect the candidates nominated in the June primaries. These candidates were honestly nominated, and I appeal to all republicans to support them."

G. A. R. Veteran Favored.

The many friends of W. M. Abbott, who resides on Blaine street, will be glad to learn that his pension has been raised from \$17 to \$25 per month. Mr. Abbott enlisted in Company K, 68 Indiana, at Morris Hill, Ind., in August of 1862. Four days later he was on the march for the front. He was in several hard-fought battles during the war, among them being Chickamauga and Missionary Ridge, a severe injury which kept him in the hospital for some time being received during the latter battle in 1863. Mr. Abbott says when he looks up at Old Grizzly, north of us, it always reminds him of Missionary Ridge. He says the positions are similar.

Star Laundry Sold.

S. A. Lindsay and his three sons, James, Hugh and Frank, have purchased the Star Laundry of B. H. Kerby, who has owned the plant the past two years. Two of the young men have been employed in the laundry for some time and are competent to manage it under the direction of Mr. Lindsay. Mr. Kerby will move to his ranch near Medford.

Notice to Ladies.

All 12½c outings will be sold for 10c a yard for the next ten days. This is extra quality outing. Ashland Trading Co.