

AUTO TRUCK IS ACCEPTED

COUNCIL ACCEPTS PLANS FOR REMODELING CITY HALL.

OTHER IMPORTANT BUSINESS

Hitching Post Proposition and Matter of Absence of Officers and Employees Provided for by New City Ordinances.

All members of the city council were present at the regular meeting Tuesday evening. The usual reports of officers were read and approved.

A petition was read from property owners on North Main street, asking that the city place a tile on the west side of Main street from Maple to Grant streets, and also give them sidewalk grade, same to be not more than one foot above the curb line. The petition was referred to the street committee.

A petition was presented asking that the city order in sidewalk on the west side of Gresham street from Vista street to Iowa street, the same to be put in under the provisions of the Bancroft act. Dr. Swedenburg appeared to urge the walk, saying that though not owning any of that particular property he was a heavy taxpayer, and interested in being able to get downtown in wet weather. City Engineer Walker, one of the owners of property affected, questioned whether or not there was a majority of the property represented. He also objected to the ordering in of a sidewalk until the street was graded, saying that it would simply be the gutter in which water would run most of the way as it would be below the present road level. Questions as to the amount of grading necessary to obviate this brought the reply from Mr. Fraley that the cost would be comparatively light. Mr. Walker stated that he was willing to build a sidewalk in front of his property providing the street was roughly graded so as to keep the water off the walk, and the matter was referred to the street committee.

Dr. Swedenburg was granted a rebate of the penalty on a street paving assessment, notice of assessment having followed him throughout his recent trip to the east. Had he received the notice before leaving the payment would have been made then. It was made as soon as he returned.

Mrs. Creighton, residing on B street, was granted \$15 toward paying her expenses to California to join her husband, who is dying of tuberculosis. The balance of the money necessary had already been raised by private subscription.

B. E. Whitmore and E. E. Phipps, representing the Commercial Club, and J. R. Pittinger and L. H. Galatin in behalf of the producers, addressed the council on the subject of a public market. A joint meeting with the council committee was called for Saturday evening at the office of the Beaver Realty Company.

The deed of Charles Hosley and wife, covering property up the canyon, purchased by the city some months ago, having been corrected to suit the city attorney and council, was accepted.

The abstract of the Casey property adjoining the city park, recently ordered purchased, was presented, together with the written opinion of City Attorney Moore on same. On motion the abstract was accepted and the deal ordered closed.

The sanitary committee reported that they had been able to arrange with C. F. Bates to haul carcasses to the dump grounds for \$2.50 each, and with Frank Sherman to burn them at 25 cents per hour, all costs to be paid by owner of animal. Councilman Sherman reported that someone had buried a horse in the pit used for burning carcasses and that an endeavor was being made to find the identity of the person doing so with a view to his arrest.

The street committee reported that the city engineer had established the grade for sidewalks on Scenic Drive as requested by W. D. Hodgson and others.

An ordinance was passed requiring all city employees and appointive officers to refrain from absenting themselves from the city without the consent of the city council, or, in an emergency, of the mayor, and declaring positions forfeited if same was done. Elective officers were also confined to the strict wording of the city charter, which permits not to exceed 29 days unexcused absence.

FRUIT AND FLOWERS.

Many Exhibits Sent to Building But Many More Needed.

There have been a number of fine accessions to the fruit at the Commercial Club's exhibit at the depot recently, but there is room for more and the citizens are urged to bring them, either to the exhibit building or to the Commercial Club rooms, and they will be appreciated.

Among the recent additions are fine samples of plums raised by T. W. Hudson on Woolen street, which are remarkable because of the prolific yield. Another beautiful sample of plums was furnished by Agent Kramer of the Southern Pacific.

James Lennox contributes some beautiful Wheeler peaches and Mr. Mars of the Overland shoe shop brought in a turnip that would make a meal for several families.

BUYS SUMMER HOME HERE.

Edward T. Merrill, who came here from southern California, where he has a winter home, some months ago, has purchased of Mrs. James Doran the residence property at 570 Boulevard and will occupy it as a summer home. Mr. Merrill will make extensive alterations and improvements in the property. The Tidings is glad to welcome Mr. Merrill and family to Ashland as permanent summer residents.

WILL TALK GOOD ROADS

Miss Bigelow, Representing United States Good Roads Bureau, to Speak Here.

Miss Bigelow, who is sent out to talk good roads to the women of America by the United States government, will speak at the Chautauqua tabernacle Tuesday evening, August 19, under the auspices of the Ashland Parent-Teacher Association.

An ordinance governing the licensing of bill posters was read and referred back to the ordinance committee until next meeting. While excellent in many respects, it practically gave a monopoly of distribution of bills to the licensed poster or posters, even prohibiting local firms sending out their regular employees to do such work. Councilman Cunningham, chairman of that committee, stated that it had been handed to him by the city attorney but a few hours before and that there had been no opportunity to present it to the committee.

A new hitching post ordinance was read and passed under the suspension of the rules, placing all hitching posts on the street directly under the city council and prohibiting the maintaining of hitching posts, racks or rings on paved streets, also prohibiting hitching to poles, trees, buildings, etc., on the paved streets, and providing that no posts, rings or racks shall be hereafter put on the unpaved streets except by the consent of the council.

The plans and specifications for the proposed improvement of the city hall, and the new engine house, were presented and explained by Architect F. H. Eitch, and on motion same were accepted and the city recorder was authorized to advertise for bids for building, bids to be opened Friday evening, August 15.

City Recorder Gillette reported that complaints were being made that water from Meade street which was carried through tile to the park was filling up the fountain basin at every rain. The matter was referred to the street committee.

A request for permission to build a fence up the canyon on city land was referred back with instructions that it be put in writing.

One thousand dollars was ordered transferred from the general fund to the street fund as a loan.

The new La France auto truck was ordered accepted, the acceptance in no way affecting the company's guarantee. The company's representative explained that under their blanket insurance the moment they permitted a demonstration of the engine, or its use by other than the company's representative, the insurance lapsed and it was necessary for the city to accept truck before the representative of the company could begin the instruction of the local men in the handling of either the truck or the chemicals.

On motion the council adjourned to meet Monday evening, August 11.

Musical treat at the Dreamland tonight and Friday. Hawaiian Singers.

BALKAN WAR BROUGHT TO AN END

SERVIA, GREECE, MONTENEGRO, ROUMANIA AND BULGARIA UNITE IN PRELIMINARY TREATY AT BUCHAREST TODAY

Bucharest, Aug. 6.—Peace was concluded tonight between the Balkan states and a preliminary treaty will be signed tomorrow by delegates of Servia, Greece, Montenegro, Roumania and Bulgaria.

The agreement was reached only after another exhibition of utter helplessness of Bulgaria to face her enemies.

The discussion threatened to become interminable but the Roumanian premier clinched matters by threatening that the Roumanian army would occupy Sofia next Saturday if Bulgaria did not accept the modified frontier.

PIONEER PASSES AWAY.

George W. Albright Dies at Gold Hill, Sunday, August 3.

George W. Albright, one of the pioneers of the Rogue River Valley, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. R. H. Moore, at Gold Hill, Ore., Sunday, August 3, 1913. Mr. Albright was born at Washingtonville, Pa., January 22, 1831, and came to Oregon from Iowa 31 years ago to run the flour mill at Phoenix, later going to Jacksonville to take charge of that mill. After a number of years he moved to California. Since the death of Mrs. Albright some years ago he has spent part of his time in Puyallup, Wash., with a daughter who resides there, and part with Mrs. Moore at Gold Hill. He spent part of last winter at San Jose, Cal., where he has two sons and where his wife is buried, returning to Gold Hill in May. Although he was past 82 years of age he was as spry as a man of 60 and was planning to make a trip to Washington in the fall. He went to bed Saturday night feeling well as usual and his daughter was awakened about 2 a. m. by hearing him gasp for breath. He passed away in about ten minutes. The remains were shipped to San Jose, Cal., for interment beside his wife.

The PORTLAND EVENING TELEGRAM and Ashland Tidings one year, \$5.00.

HUBBARD MAKES ARRESTS.

Hunters Held on Charge of Mutilating Deer Carcass.

Medford, August 7.—Warren H. Holbrook of Medford and C. Davis and W. Davis, prominent Griffin creek ranchers, were arrested Wednesday by Deputy Game Warden Hubbard of Ashland on the charge of mutilating the carcass of a deer to disguise its sex. The deer when found in their possession was without a head, but the men refused to say whether the animal was a buck or doe. Unless they can prove the animal was minus a head for other reasons than to disguise its sex they must pay from \$25 to \$200 fine. Justice Taylor says that the matter of whether the deer is a doe or not will not enter into the case as the law requires that the carcass of a deer must not be mutilated to disguise the sex.

The men have been hunting for several days, and according to one of the Davis brothers, had already killed one buck this season. Hubbard heard the shots and rushing to the spot found the men with the headless deer. They will be tried before Justice Taylor this morning.

UNION MEETING.

Good preaching and good music at the union meeting at the Chautauqua tabernacle next Sunday evening.

S. S. EXCURSION PAYS BEST.

Sunday School Excursion Pays Better Than Sunday Excursions.

That the Rogue River Valley is a better Sunday school district than it is a Sunday excursion district was apparently proven by the experience of the Southern Pacific railway the past few days. On Sunday the Central Point Band and Orchestra ran an excursion to Colectin. That is, it was nominally a band excursion and they played en route and at the grounds. Yesterday the Sunday schools of the valley gave an excursion, or it was run in their name. On Sunday 33 went from Ashland to Colectin, while today 117 went. The total number today was 335, much higher than the whole number that went Sunday.

State Printer.

The death of Willis S. Duniway leaves the office of state printer vacant. George Putnam of Medford is mentioned as his successor. The appointment lies with Governor West. West and Putnam are close friends. Putnam should have the place. He has made a good fight for the administration in southern Oregon, and is entitled to recognition. The Tidings is for Putnam for state printer.

Mining location blanks for sale at the Tidings office.

COUNTY COURT REPORT

Grind of the Jackson County Court Mostly Routine Work for Last Week.

Marriage Licenses.

Roderick Baker and Bernice Edmondson.
Fred J. Warner and Emma Cushman.

Circuit Court.

J. I. Lumber Company vs. Trail Lumber Company. Action to recover money. Complaint filed. Affidavit and undertaking for attachment. Writ issued and certificate of attachment filed. Summons.

Arthur H. Davis vs. California-Oregon Power Company. Action for damages. Complaint filed.

S. T. Rawlings vs. Trail Lumber Company. Action to recover money. Complaint filed. Affidavit and undertaking for attachment. Summons. Certificate of attachment filed.

Farmers & Fruitgrowers Bank, a corporation, vs. Fred H. Thompson et al. Suit for foreclosure of mortgage. Complaint filed. Affidavit and order for publication of summons.

Probate.

In the matter of the estate of James Cook, deceased. Order directing sale of real property.

In the matter of the estate of Elizabeth K. Smith, deceased. First and final account filed. Order approving same and settling final account.

In the matter of the estate and guardianship of Helen M. Scott, Naomi Scott, George W. Scott, Jr., Firtz B. Scott and Ida Nola Scott, minors. Order for the investment of funds.

In the matter of the estate of William Treacey, deceased. Final report and account of administrator filed. Decree of final settlement and order discharging administrator and sureties.

In the matter of the estate of John Margreiter, deceased. Order appointing Harry Luy, B. M. Collins and Fletcher Stout appraisers. Inventory and appraisement filed.

In the matter of the estate of Isaac Wright, deceased. Inventory and appraisement filed.

In the matter of the estate of Jacob F. Ritter, deceased. Order admitting Owen Dunlap as executor.

That Dog Pound.

A lady asked the Tidings representative to investigate the Ashland dog pound, saying that a small boy told her that dogs were kept in the pound indefinitely without food or water. The reporter interviewed Chief Porter, who states that all dogs under the law must be kept 48 hours before killing. All dogs when confined are kept constantly supplied with fresh water and are fed three times a day. That a dog howls when shut in a strange place is no evidence that it is either hungry or thirsty.

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BIG CUT IN EXPRESS RATES

COMMERCE COMMISSION MAKES BIG SLASH IN TARIFFS.

10 TO 65 PER CENT CUT MADE

Following Lead of California, National Commission Reduces Rates for Express All Over the United States.

Washington, Aug. 4.—Following the lead of the state railroad commission of California in the Wells-Fargo Express company decision, the interstate commerce commission ordered today sweeping reductions in express rates for parcels all over the country. The cut will range from 10 to 60 per cent and will become effective October 15.

In a statement the commission declared that for two years the rates will be "experimental," when, unless the companies lose too much, they will become permanent.

When a proposal was first made to reduce express rates all the companies vigorously opposed it, and in June, 1912, the proposed rates were suspended, pending an investigation. Today they were ordered into effect, following admissions by the companies that the cut, which they originally claimed would reduce their revenues 30 per cent, really would cut them only 15 per cent.

Today's order will force close competition between the express companies and the parcel post. In many instances the new express rates will be lower than the postal rates. Practically all rates on parcels under 50 pounds in weight are radically lowered. On small packages carried more than 200 and less than 3,000 miles the rates will be nearly all lower than the parcel post rates. For distances over 3,000 miles the express and parcel post rates will be about equal. The order reduces the rates on all articles of food and drink to 75 per cent of first-class rates.

CLUBS WILL PICNIC.

Women's Clubs of County to Be Invited for September 2.

The Ashland Federation of Women's Clubs met Wednesday afternoon and decided to invite all of the women's clubs of the Rogue River Valley to join them in a basket picnic in the Chautauqua Park, Ashland, Thursday, September 2. Committees and further particulars will be announced later.

Mother of Mayor Johnson Dead.

Mrs. A. S. Johnson of Garfield, Wash., mother of Mayor O. H. Johnson and J. W. Johnson of Ashland, died August 5, 1913. She had been a long sufferer from paralysis.

She with her husband and children were for 16 years residents of Medford, Ore., locating there in the infancy of that city.

Mrs. Johnson was 79 years old, a native of Williamsburg, Ohio. She is survived by husband and seven children, O. H. and J. W. Johnson of Ashland, Mrs. Maud Gartin of Portland, Clyde of Lewiston, Idaho, Mrs. J. North of Billings, Mont., Mrs. A. Hickman of Colfax, Wash., and Mrs. M. D. Overby of Garfield, Wash. The sympathy of the community is with the bereaved relatives.

Husbands Run In Here.

Mrs. Wilbanks and Mrs. Brand who were injured, the former probably fatally, at Roseburg a few days ago, are wives of brakemen running on the Southern Pacific between Roseburg and Ashland. The accident occurred when an auto, party struck a dog near Roseburg, swerving the machine into a fence. Mrs. Wilbanks had one lung pierced clear through by a splinter. Her husband had already gone to the depot to go out on his run to Ashland on the Shasta limited when apprised of the accident.

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