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Commercial Club Holds Meeting

Monday evening the Commercial Club met in their rooms at 8 o'clock. The president being absent, M. C. Reed was chosen as chairman. About twenty were present. The secretary, F. J. Shinn, read the minutes of the club meeting for August 27 and the minutes of several subsequent meetings of the trustees. These were adopted as read. The secretary's report showed a balance of \$31.72 cash on hand. On motion the report was adopted. The bills as passed by the trustees were allowed. The resignations of Charles Robinson and William H. Hosley as members were accepted. The applications of A. A. Chisholm, Carl H. Loveland and E. La Bell for membership were accepted and these men elected as members of the club.

J. H. Dill reported for the committee in charge of the entertainment of the San Francisco business men recently visiting Ashland. There were plenty of automobiles to meet the party at Medford, bring them to Ashland and show them the attractions here. This sort of advertising, Mr. Dill stated enthusiastically, is one of the best. W. E. Newcomb reported that \$75 had been raised by his committee to assist the G. A. R. in meeting the expenses of their coming reunion. He expects to raise \$50 more to make the required amount. A letter was read from Mr. Sproule of the Southern Pacific thanking the club for the friendly spirit in which a new depot had been asked for. A communication from G. A. Gardner, county clerk, stated that the road supervisor had been instructed to cut the weeds along the Pacific Highway between Ashland and Medford, the matter having been brought to his attention by the club. An invitation was read from Walter B. Jones, secretary of the Lane County Fair, inviting Ashland people to attend the fair September 13, 14 and 15.

Several amendments to the by-laws, as previously suggested and read, were adopted. An amendment proposing the repeal of the \$5 membership fee was read for the first time and is to be acted on a month later.

F. H. Walker reported on the Billings hill road situation. Also several others spoke regarding past negotiations and present conditions relative to the proposed improvement through the elimination of the grade crossing of the Pacific Highway over the railroad. The county has completed the purchase of the necessary additional right-of-way and the various reports from the county court as to the present situation indicate that their work in this connection has been finished for some months and that now the only matter delaying the improvement is the unsettled matter between G. F. Billings and the Southern Pacific Railroad as to compensation, or elimination of the old crossing entirely, or both. On motion the chairman appointed a committee of three to interview Mr. Billings and ascertain the facts of the matter and hasten the completion of the very much needed changes in the road. F. H. Walker, J. H. Dill and W. D. Hodgson were appointed on this committee. On motion the club adjourned.

The following standing committees were named for the club:

City Interests and Public Policy—J. W. McCoy, T. H. Simpson and J. H. McGee.

Streets, Parks, Highways and Public Improvements—F. H. Walker, W. C. Mitchell and O. F. Carson.

Immigration, Location and Information—M. C. Reed, A. A. Chisholm and C. W. Banta.

Horticulture, Agriculture and Forestry—C. B. Lamkin, J. H. Dill and Benton Bowers.

Mines, Mining and Minerals—F. D. Wagner, C. B. Wolf and one other.

Industry and Manufactures—W. E. Newcomb, W. D. Hodgson and W. S. Weaver.

House Committee—H. G. Enders, Jr., Clark Bush and H. O. Furucker.

A special membership committee appointed consists of H. O. Frohbach, A. C. Nininger and O. T. Bergner.

Portland shippers have eleven contracts for vessels, totalling \$11,235,000.

Astoria salmon canneries have extended the open season to September 10.

G. A. R. Encampment Next Monday

Next Monday evening the G. A. R. will give a reception in the armory. A drill will be given by the Coast Artillery and several other good attractions will be staged.

During the afternoon and evening on Tuesday and Thursday a good program will be given in the Chautauqua building. A large attendance is expected and the public is cordially invited to attend and enjoy the various features of this reunion, which will close on the 15th.

Tuesday is Ashland day, Wednesday, Medford day; Thursday, Central Point day, and Friday, Grants Pass day.

Medford City Water Supply Endangered

Medford's entire water system has been jeopardized by the passage of the Oregon & California land grant bill by congress, according to City Attorney McCabe. Some eight years ago the city took possession of a tract of land near Little Butte and there located the city intake. Formal application was never made for the land and it is now being classified under the act. After classification it may be filed on the same as any other land under the grant, and a loss of \$1,000,000 may be entailed by the city unless a special act of congress can be secured to give title to the land about the intake.

Immediately after the passage of the act, City Attorney McCabe wrote to the secretary of the interior in regard to the land. The communication was referred to Louis L. Sharp of Portland, chief of the field division in the survey of the grant lands. His reply to Mr. McCabe in part said:

"It may be that in order to get title to the land on which the intake is situated it will be necessary to secure the passing of a special act of congress. I have no doubt, however, that such action by congress can be had with little difficulty."

Action must be taken by the city during the next session, according to City Attorney McCabe, and to secure this action it will probably be necessary for Mr. McCabe to appear before congress.

John S. Herrin, Pioneer, Ill at Home

John S. Herrin, a pioneer of 1853, lies ill at his home, 343 North Main street. Mr. Herrin is suffering from a severe stomach trouble and last week Wednesday was very low. Later, however, he rallied and is now able to recognize friends and make his wants known.

Mr. Herrin is in his 89th year and has long been a man of great virility and endurance. He is a farmer, always having lived an industrious and successful life, and for over thirty years has been a prominent sheep raiser of southern Oregon. He is a splendid example of rugged Americanism and until recently has enjoyed the best of health. Mr. Herrin is a man of great public spirit and enterprise and his many friends are hoping that by virtue of his strong constitution he will soon be on his feet again. The latest news from his home at noon today is that he is not quite so well.

Lynn Mowat at Chetco Carnival

Lynn D. Mowat, city editor of the Tidings and member of the Ashland band, wrote as follows to his father on a card from Crescent City last Friday: "Great trip. Some country. Four punctures. One spring broke. Getting along fine.—Lynn." Much said in few words; autoists can read between the lines. A number of the band boys have returned, but Lynn is improving the opportunity to get a little vacation. A later communication, written Tuesday, stated that they were starting home but did not know when they would arrive.

The Southern Pacific Company will erect new roundhouse and shops at Eugene.

Bend has voted \$35,000 bonds for the California & Eastern railroads.

City Council Proceedings Postpone Calling Special Election

The city council held their regular meeting Tuesday evening with Mayor Johnson, Councilmen Ashcraft, Banta, Lamb, Nininger, Cornelius and Recorder Gillette present. Councilman C. W. Root was absent. There were also present a number of the city employes and several spectators.

Meeting called to order at 8 o'clock. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Mrs. Wood appeared before the council and presented a complaint regarding a nuisance in the vicinity of her home on High street. An old cesspool and the Swingle cow barn in use make an unbearable menace in their present condition, she asserted in a short, courteous and definite talk. Later in the evening the matter was taken up and referred to the sanitary committee and the city attorney for investigation and the taking of legal steps if necessary to remove the nuisance. Reports from Water Superintendent Hosler, Street Commissioner Fraley, City Electrician Strickland and of a called meeting of the board of health were read, approved and ordered placed on file. The monthly report of the springs water commission was presented and filed.

The chief of police recommended the passage of two ordinances, one requiring junk dealers to pay a license and the other providing for collection of garbage daily instead of once a week. The first recommendation met with the disapproval of several members of the council for various reasons and was placed on file. The second was regarded as a good measure, but instead of passing an ordinance thought to be unnecessary, the matter was referred to the sanitary committee to make arrangements with Mr. Graves, the garbage grounds gatekeeper, for the opening of the gate at convenient hours for better service.

A communication from E. L. Razor asked damages in the sum of \$12.75 for expenses caused by the overturning of his wagon on or near Nevada street. After some discussion the city attorney requested that the facts in the case be gathered by a committee so that he could determine the legal status of the claim. On motion of Lamb the matter was referred to the street committee to gather the facts and report to the city attorney.

The realty and building committee reported a proposition from W. B. Holmes to purchase from the city the triangular piece of land bounded by the Boulevard, Iowa street and the Weedon property for the sum of \$1,500 on terms of \$100 down and the balance payable in twelve equal monthly installments with 6 per cent interest. The committee recommended the sale of the property to Mr. Holmes on terms mentioned, same to be conveyed free of paving incumbrance. On motion, unanimously carried, the city attorney was instructed to prepare the necessary papers.

A letter from the Western Union Telegraph Company was read asking for a contract giving them the privilege to furnish the city with current for the electric fire alarm system at a cost of 45 cents per month. Their proposition was accepted and the mayor and recorder were instructed to execute the contract.

A request for 50 feet of 3/4-inch hose for the fire department was allowed. During the evening Councilman Ashcraft stated that 200 feet of old two-inch pipe had been given to Jack True to be used in piping the water from a spring to a point on the road leading from Ashland to Lake of the Woods so that the water, usually overlooked by travelers, might be handy for the convenient use of the general public.

A request was read from the residents in the vicinity of Eighth and A streets asking that an electric light be placed on that corner. The mayor stated that another street light on North Main between Skidmore and Mechanic streets had long been needed. The matter of installation of these two lights was referred to the electric light committee, by unanimous vote, with power to act. A letter was read from Bushong & Co. of Portland, presenting the city with a small piece of Holocum for use in the recorder's office near the vault door. E. R. Hosler's request for ten days' leave of absence was granted.

Bids were opened from three parties making proposals to remodel the jail room in the city hall according to specifications, Frank Jordan's bid was \$247.60, Payne & Allen's \$272.35, and E. F. Wolcott's \$280. On motion of Cornelius, carried unanimously, the contract for the work was awarded to Frank Jordan, whose bid was the lowest. The matter was referred to the realty committee and the city attorney to enter into a contract with the successful bidder.

At this point the mayor called for a vote on adjournment, but several interruptions forestalled any such action, inasmuch as a number of parties whose interests had not yet been served had something to say. On motion of Banta the street commissioner was authorized to procure wood for the use of hoboies at their stopping place. On motion of Banta Mr. Irwin was allowed a water tap for \$2.15, actual cost.

On motion of Ashcraft the sum of \$860 was ordered transferred from the electric light depreciation fund temporarily for the purpose of paying Mr. Irwin about \$359 for curbs and gutters on Granite street and to provide \$500 for sundry needs of the recorder. The money for Irwin from the proper source was not yet available as the bonds have not been sold.

The mayor brought up the matter of co-operation with the residents living just outside the city limits for the purpose of giving them some fire protection with the city's fire-fighting equipment. The mayor also brought up the matter of looking up a damsite in the canyon and asked the city engineer to report later on feasible sites.

On motion, the local papers were requested to publish the names of the fire committee and ask the people living adjacent to and outside of the city limits to confer with this committee for the purpose of making some satisfactory arrangement for fire protection.

On motion, the city recorder was authorized to have bonds printed and advertise for bids to provide the funds with which to pay for curb and gutters on Granite street.

The city attorney presented to the council from the Commercial Club committee the matter of calling a special election to vote upon a charter amendment designed to combine the springs water commission and the park board, and requested that the council pass a resolution calling the special election. The attorney stated that the original draft of this amendment had been gone over very carefully by twelve men from the Commercial Club, who had given the matter considerable time and had finally decided upon a draft of the measure satisfactory to the entire committee, that the committee felt that in its present form the amendment was probably as satisfactory as any that could be agreed upon and that they would be averse to any changes inasmuch as the whole matter had been thoroughly gone over and threshed out. He stated that, of course, it was entirely optional with the council as to whether they would call the special election, but that if they did not see fit to do so and the election should have to be called by initiation some time would be required and expense incurred. In response, the mayor stated that none of the council members were familiar with the present form of the proposed amendment and that, not having studied it over, they were hardly in a position to pass upon the matter at once. He suggested that the members of the council be furnished with copies of the measure and have until the next meeting to inform themselves thoroughly as to its contents. He further stated that he hoped the council would call the special election as requested, provided the amendment was satisfactory and contained no objectionable provisions. Responding to the mayor, the attorney stated that he had three or four copies of the amendment and would gladly furnish them to members of the council who might desire to make a study of the question. Councilman Nininger said that he would be very glad to have a copy.

After some further discussion as to a nuisance on Ashland street and Mrs. Wood's complaint, the council adjourned.

Baker county, Oregon, is building fifteen new steel bridges

Modern Woodmen In Lithia Park

In the middle of the day last Monday about sixty persons of the Modern Woodmen and their families gathered for a bounteous picnic dinner in Lithia park. They came from Central Point, Medford, Talent and Ashland and they brought with them the spirit of good fellowship. There was no program in connection with the feast, but a good time was enjoyed in calling up old memories and in visiting back and forth among the acquaintances from the various sections of the valley. Unfortunately no list of the names of those present is available for publication.

After setting the above the Tidings is reliably informed that by actual count there were at least 84 present at this picnic.

Attractions at The Vining

Thursday.
Bessie Barriscale in "Not My Sister," which also features William Desmond. There are five in the cast of this Triangle production, which is a story wherein Grace Tyler, played by Miss Barriscale, helped out the declining fortunes of her family, when a young girl, by posing for a sculptor, Michael Arnold, whose part is taken by Desmond. The artist falls in love with his subject and various are the subsequent fortunes of both.

Friday.
Geraldine Farrar in "Maria Rosa," founded on a play of the same name by Guido Marburg and Wallace Gillpatrick, produced by Cecil B. DeMille, appears Friday night. This is Miss Farrar's third Lasky play. The others are "Carmen" and "Temptation." During the making of this picture a romance started finally resulting in the marriage of Miss Farrar to Lou Tellegen.

Saturday.
Dorothy Gish and Owen Moore appear in "Susan Rocks the Boat," a drama Triangle release of May 14. The story is of a girl with too much money, the circumstances of which lead up to an odd romance. It is said that no woman can fall to be interested in the solution of the heroine's problem, as presented by Dorothy Gish. The cast is composed of eight characters directed by Paul Powell.

Where to Leave Exhibits for Fair

J. R. Pittenger, who is in charge of exhibits to be placed from Ashland at the county fair and who undertook to call for all the exhibits wherever they might be, reports that it will be impossible for him to visit every home and asks that all who have exhibits of any kind will please leave them at any grocery store in the city and he will call for them not later than noon on Monday, the 11th.

Outside Residents Asked to Confer

People living outside of and adjacent to the city limits of Ashland are requested by the city council to confer with the fire committee, consisting of C. W. Banta, R. P. Cornelius and C. W. Root, for the purpose of arriving at some satisfactory arrangement to the end that these residents may be supplied with fire protection.

New Depot Platform Is Expected Soon

It is reported that a new platform will probably be built at the depot this fall. No definite mention is made of the material to be used, but it is likely that some sort of paving material will be deemed most suitable in preference to wood or concrete.

"The truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth" is all right for everybody but a newspaper reporter, but the second requirement of the old adage is rendered impracticable for him on account of the present price of paper.

Secretary Mather On Crater Lake

The following item is clipped from the Portland Evening Telegram of the 2d, and will be of particular interest to Ashland people on account of the mention of Crater Lake and Mr. Mather's visit to Ashland last Friday, when he went through Lithia park and on up the canyon as far as Long's cabin:

Speaking to a score of Portland men at the Chamber of Commerce at noon today Stephen T. Mather, superintendent of national parks, suggested Portland, Ashland, Medford and Klamath Falls raise 500,000 for the development of Crater Lake, and that the railroads then sell tickets including automobile rides to the park.

"Shall we leave Crater Lake to Oregon or shall we ask Californians to develop it?" he said. He said that the proposed Mount Hood park would "betittle the idea of a national park," as existing parks have not been developed. He told his hearers to support the Parkhurst hotel project at Crater Lake. Tacoma and Seattle have raised \$200,000 for the development of Rainier National park, and a park service company is spending \$700,000 in Yosemite.

Mr. Mather is here on his way to Glacier National park.

His position in Secretary Lane's department in reality is that of superintendent of national parks, and a visit to the parks of the Pacific Coast is the purpose of his present tour.

"I want to stir up a new interest in Crater Lake and show you people what it means to your city to have such an attraction as Crater Lake within your state," said Mr. Mather today. "A Portland man has the hotel there and he should have the backing and support of Portland."

Another thing in which Mr. Mather is vitally interested is the development of the park-to-park highway system! In other words, a tying together of the great scenic features of the west by permanent roads, so that the tourist of America will be encouraged to spend his vacation season in riding from one national park to another, instead of swarming to Europe every year—and leaving an aggregate of several millions of dollars at the trans-Atlantic resorts.

"To my mind, the big scenic things of the world are, first, the Grand Canyon of the Colorado, then Crater Lake and then the Matterhorn," said Robert Sterling Yard, another interior department man and a member of the Mather party. "I have heard that said, and now after seeing Crater Lake myself I agree with it."

E. O. McCormick, vice-president of the Southern Pacific, accompanied the party to Crater Lake, but returned to San Francisco from Ashland. John M. Scott, general passenger agent, met the party when it came out from the lake and came with it on Mr. McCormick's car "Sunset" to Portland this morning.

Jack True Finishes Road Repairs

Jack True and wife arrived in Ashland about noon from the scene of his recent repair work on the road in the vicinity of Lake of the Woods. His crew of eight men and three teams is on the way in but probably will not reach town until tomorrow. Mr. True's work on the road is finished for this season. He was on the job about 27 days. He worked over a distance of about thirteen miles taking out rocks and logs and changing the road in a few places. He cut a new road around a bad piece of rocky road at the lower end of Lake of the Woods. In one or two other places he cut around rocky hills. The work began at a point about 27 miles from Ashland and the crew put up the forty-mile post. It is understood that the road is now open to Pelican bay.

The presidential candidates have finally been informed of their nominations. If people generally were as unconcerned as these men seem to be about expected news of importance, there would be a whole lot less worrying in the world.

When searching for an opportunity it is well to remember that a microscope is just as reliable as a telescope and much less expensive.