

SETTLED BY COMMITTEE

Named C. E. Foster as Fire Chief and Council Had Nothing to Say About It.

ELECTION MEASURE PASSED

Ordinance Defines Precincts, Polling Places, Judges and Clerks of Election and Registry Plan.

Charles Edward Foster was last night declared to be the new chief of the Astoria paid fire department. The report of the committee on fire and water settled the matter, and while some of the councilmen believe such matters should be left to the entire body, there was no tangible objections to the procedure. The report of the committee was to the effect that Chief Stockton had resigned; that the committee had met and accepted the resignation and chosen Mr. Foster as Mr. Stockton's successor. The committee, it appears from a legal opinion by City Attorney Smith, is absolute in appointing a fire chief, so the report was merely filed.

Councilman Nordstrom, a member of the committee, was about the only member whose remarks could be followed. All the other gentlemen seemed to be speaking under difficulties. Mr. Kaboth believed the council should name Mr. Stockton's successor and should also accept his resignation. Mr. Hansen wanted to know why the resignation had not been presented to the council when it was handed in. Mr. Morton, a member of the committee, said the committeemen considered the appointment a matter for them to act upon, without consulting other councilmen, and was agreed to know that the committee's action had been criticized.

Mr. Nordstrom, as usual, got at the root of the matter. He said he favored the appointment of Mr. W. J. Barry, but that Messrs. Leinenweber and Morton had agreed upon Mr. Foster. He stated that the other two committeemen were old-time firemen and he was willing to accept their idea. Mr. Nordstrom said he knew Mr. Foster would make a good fire chief, and while he had favored another man, he was satisfied with the appointment. Mr. Leinenweber said something about the trouble the committee had during the past year and that the position of a member of the committee was an unenviable one.

It seems that the fire and water committee is empowered by ordinance to appoint a fire chief, and that it is not necessary for the council to ratify such appointment. The council is democratic, but the committee is made up of two republicans—Messrs. Leinenweber and Nordstrom—and one democrat—Mr. Morton. Mr. Morton could have thrown the matter of the appointment into the council by presenting a minority report, and his failure to do so aroused the ire of some of the democrats. Then, again, other democrats, among them Mr. Burns, were quite well satisfied, to have Mr. Foster appointed. The situation was rather complicated.

The new chief will assume his duties November 1. He was formerly chief

of the department and is regarded as a competent man.

The Election Ordinance.

The ordinance providing for a city election December 14 was introduced and passed under suspension of the rules. It provides for the election of a city attorney and one councilman from the Second ward and one councilman from the Third ward. The polling places and judges and clerks of election are specified as follows:

Precinct No. 1 (polling place, Suoni hall)—Judges, S. G. Trullinger, Thomas Nelson and Harry Heinonen; clerks, Frank Norberg and Frans Kankonen.

Precinct No. 2 (polling place, engine house No. 1)—Judges, P. J. Goodman, C. C. Uttinger and Isaac Bergman; clerks, J. P. Badollet and P. A. Trullinger.

Precinct No. 3 (polling place, city hall)—Judges, Herman Wise, H. D. Thing and B. F. Allen; clerks, A. Leberman and Max Pohl.

Precinct No. 4 (polling place, Central hotel)—Judges, August Danielson, A. Scherneckau and C. J. Trénehard; clerks, D. T. Gerdes and H. D. Gray.

Precinct No. 5 (polling place, engine house No. 3)—Judges, Harry Jones, Chris Rasmussen and L. Larsen; clerks, Peter Johansen and E. Manulla.

Precinct No. 6 (polling place, Adair old school house)—Judges, L. Agren, F. C. Reed and John Euberg; clerks, T. C. Fredericksen and Ole B. Olsen.

The ordinance provides that the registration books shall be opened November 8 and closed December 10. Voters must have resided in the state for six months, in the city for three months and in the precinct for 10 days. Any person falsely swearing to an application to vote on election day may be punished by a fine of \$50 to \$200 or imprisonment from 25 to 100 days; and any person falsely signing the application of such man will be subject to the same penalty.

Minor Matters Considered.

A petition for a retail liquor license was received from C. H. M. Greenwall. It will be granted at the next meeting.

William Bell called the attention of the council to the fact that in the improvement of Franklin avenue the contractor had not removed some 200 yards of earth which the ordinance specified should be removed, and that reduction in the contract price should accordingly be made. The matter was referred to the street committee.

A communication from C. W. Shively regarding the cancellation of a lien against his property was referred to the ways and means committee and city attorney.

A resolution declaring the intention of the council to establish the grade of Irving avenue from Eleventh to Fourteenth street was laid over.

The assessment for the improvement of Ninth street from Franklin avenue to Jerome avenue was submitted. The total cost of the work is \$5200.

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WOULD HAVE BRICK HALL

Members of Council Seem Disposed to Make New Building Substantial.

COST BUT LITTLE GREATER

Committee Will Look Into Matter and It Is Probable the Use of Wood Will Be Dispensed With.

Councilman Belland started something commendable at the meeting of the council last night. He wants the city to build a brick hall instead of a wooden one, and his suggestion will probably result in the erection of a substantial structure. Councilman Nordstrom entertains a similar view, and, indeed, all of the councilmen seemed friendly toward the proposal.

"The fine weather has created the sentiment that we should erect a brick hall instead of the wooden one," said Mr. Belland. "It is contended that the proposed new building shall have stone boots and iron cap, but wooden stomach, from which it is concluded that an attack of dyspepsia will result in the collapse of the structure. I have been asked to suggest that the difference in the cost of a brick building and a wooden one be ascertained, and, if the amount is not too great, to request the council to consider the matter."

Mr. Nordstrom, who made a fight against the building of the new hall, said he would favor a brick structure. He wanted to see the city get a run for its money, and he believed a substantial building ought to be erected. He understood the difference in the cost would be only about \$10,000, and that the city might just as well go in debt that much more. He moved that the public property committee and architect confer with the contractors and determine just what the difference in the cost of brick and wooden buildings would be, and to make a general investigation of the proposal and report to the council. The motion prevailed.

Mr. Belland moved that the ways and means committee look into the matter of finance and report upon the expediency of the additional expenditure. This motion also prevailed. "In such matters," remarked Mr. Nordstrom, "the ways and means committee is deaf, dumb and blind."

If it is decided to spend the additional \$10,000, the new city hall will really be a fine building. The foundation is substantial and with brick ground and second stories the hall would present an attractive appearance. The contractors are quoted as having said the difference in cost would be only \$9000.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Robert A. Hawkins, of Ilwaco, is in the city.

Frank Hart is laid up with an attack of grip.

Charles Raymond leaves today for Victoria, B. C.

Herman Wise, the clothier, went to Portland on business last evening.

Manager Gevurts leaves today for Portland, where he will book some new attractions for the Star.

John C. Pean, of Boston, a veteran

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of the civil war, is in the city, the guest of the Top Yik Company.

C. W. Springs has returned home from an eastern visit. He visited the fair and other points of interest and had an enjoyable trip.

W. E. Brindley has gone to Portland, probably to locate there. Mr. Brindley was on the telegraph desk at the Astorian for some time.

Mrs. H. H. Schlakeiser, wife of Mr. Schlakeiser, who recently purchased the "Palace Turkish baths, arrived in the city from Portland yesterday. Mrs. Schlakeiser is contemplating the opening of ladies' bath apartments in connection with those in operation.

Mr. and Mrs. James C. Woods, of Forest Grove, are visiting with Mrs. F. W. Gardner, a sister of Mrs. Woods. Mr. Woods has disposed of his extensive business interests at Forest Grove and is taking a rest. He is a brother of the late Governor Woods, of Oregon and Utah, and a cousin of ex-Senator McBride and Judge McBride, the latter of this circuit.

Resolutions of Condolence.

The following resolutions of condolence have been adopted by local No. 917, United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America:

"Whereas, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to call from our midst the devoted wife of our brother, L. Anderson; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That, while we bow in humble submission to the will of God we sincerely mourn the death of our brother's wife and extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved husband in this, his hour of sorrow; and be it further

"Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be presented to our afflicted brother, that a page of our minutes book be set aside for their inscription, and that a copy be sent The Morning Astorian and one to our official journal, The Carpenter, for publication.

"ADOLPH JOHNSON.

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"Committee."

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