

COUNCIL MEETING

City Fathers Attend to Official Duties.

MAYOR READS COMMUNICATION

Hereafter Ordinance Requiring Auditor to Sign All Requisitions For Supplies and be Approved by Mayor, Before Purchase.

Council met last evening in regular session with all present except Councilman Robinson. After the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting by the auditor the Mayor addressed the following communication to the city council:

Gentlemen of the Council: I have the honor to call your attention to Ordinance No. 1213, page 319 of the City Charter which provides: that no supplies shall be purchased except by an order signed by the auditor and police judge, and approved by the mayor, which order shall set forth the fact that the purchase of supplies are authorized by the Common Council, etc. the only exceptions being, in the case where the Fire Engines may be in need of immediate repairs, when the Committee on Fire and Water may expend a sum not exceeding \$100, or in case of emergency when the committee on Streets and Public Ways may expend a sum not exceeding \$100 for the purpose of street improvements. The system advised in this ordinance is one that is in use in every well regulated business house and the Municipal Government is after all but a business institution.

Permit me also to suggest the advisability of advertising for bids for such supplies of which the city uses considerable quantities, such as hay, oats, coal, etc. The U. S. Government, the State Government, and most city governments purchase supplies from the lowest responsible bidder. Let the various committees make out a list of supplies needed during the year and ad-

vertise for bids. In that way we would insure a more uniform if not a more reasonable price; under the present system the prices for supplies fluctuate. This Council has a splendid record for having managed the city's affairs well, and I feel that whenever a suggestion for still further improvement is made by any officer, it will receive courteous consideration.

At any rate, I cannot hereafter sign warrants for supplies unless they have been purchased in accordance with Ordinance No. 1213. Prudence dictates such a rule, and the Ordinance requires it.

Respectfully, HERMAN WISE.

A petition was read and filed from the residents in Taylor's Astoria asking that that part of the city be left out of the limits where rows are prohibited from running at large.

The following petitions for liquor licenses were referred to the committee on health and police: Axel Jacobson, Charles Neimi, Martin Francisovich and Albert Seafelt.

Remonstrances against different street assessments were read and referred to the committee on streets and public property from the following persons: George Anderson, D. H. Welch, and Mrs. Riley.

A communication was read from the Shively Improvement club asking that the cement sidewalk on Franklin avenue be repaired, and was referred to the committee on Streets and Public Ways, and also another communication from the club asking that the ordinance be amended requiring the street to be in good condition after any improvement has been made.

The club requested that Commercial street be kept clean, and that whatever cleaning on this street was done, that it be done early in the morning when the traffic would not be interfered with.

The Committee on Ways and Means reported favorably on the communication from J. Q. A. Bowley, which was adopted. The following bills were allowed on recommendations of the committee: J. N. Griffin, \$13.35; Seaside Lodge, A. O. U. W., \$10; John Svenson, \$2.

The committee on health and police reporting favorably on the petition of Max Stahl in regard to auctioneers' licenses, the report was adopted. The following bills recommended paid by the committee were allowed: Sherman

Transfer Co., \$1; R. G. Pilkington, \$30; Frank Hart, \$1.75.

The committee on streets and public ways reporting favorably on the petition for the improvement of Melbourne avenue, the report was adopted. The following bills recommended by the committee were ordered paid: Foard & Stokes, \$3; Uppertown Transfer Co., \$1; City Lumber & Box Co., \$14.

The committee on fire and water reported favorably on the following bills which were allowed: Andrew Asp, \$31.80; Prael-Eiger Transfer Co., \$3; S. Elmore & Co., \$15; S. E. Nantthrop, \$2.50; B. E. Allen, 60 cents; Fisher Bros, \$3.10; Holmes & Seibert, \$12; C. E. Linton, \$2.25; E. Keatins, \$1.25.

The following building permits were granted on the recommendation of the committee on public property: Mary Rowe, Fred Emerson, Henry Laxell, Gust Wall, Andrew Young, and L. V. Glazier. The bill of the Reliance Electric Works for \$5.25 was allowed on the recommendation of the committee.

The board of street assessors reported that they had filed the assessment for the improvement of Exchange street from Twenty-first to Nineteenth streets. City Surveyor Tee submitted the plat for the improvement of Melbourne avenue which was filed.

A communication from the city surveyor relating to the establishment of grades on certain streets was read and filed.

A report from City Physician Mohr in respect to the property turned over to him by the former city physician, Dr. Pilkington, was read and filed. Former City Physician Pilkington reported that he had turned over the effects of the city physician's office to the new city physician and recommended that the city present the bill for the keeping of the small pox patient taken from the steamer Killbuck, to the owners of the vessel, for payment. The matter was referred to the city attorney and the committee on health and police.

An opinion from the city attorney stated that the city was not responsible for the payment of the bill presented to it by W. G. McPherson and recommending that the city not pay the claim, was filed and the auditor instructed to communicate with Mr. McPherson informing him of the decision of the city attorney.

An ordinance appropriating money for the improvement of Eighth street from Grand to Lexington avenues, was read the first and second time.

The ordinance confirming the special assessment for the improvement of Columbia avenue from Taylor to Alameda avenues was passed.

An ordinance accepting the improvement of Harrison avenue from Thirtieth to Thirty-third streets, was passed.

An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of the improvement of Harrison avenue was passed.

An ordinance authorizing the committee on Ways and Means to enter into a contract with the Astorian Publishing Company, to do the city printing was passed.

A resolution laying an assessment for the improvement of Alameda avenue from Columbia avenue to Ilwaco avenue was read and adopted.

A resolution making an assessment for the improvement of Birch street from Fifty-second to Fifty-third streets was adopted.

A resolution granting the property owners on Sixth street between Duane and Commercial streets permission to improve the street by grading and macadamizing, was adopted.

A resolution to improve Fourth street from Astor to the railroad track was laid over until the next meeting in order that an inquiry might be made to see if the property would stand the assessment.

At the conclusion of the routine business the council listened to a number of speeches from members of the Shively Improvement Club relating especially to the offer of Mr. Parker to give certain land to the city provided the council would express favorable opinion toward the improvement of Irving avenue. The property connects Irving avenue in McClure with Irving avenue in Shively's, and all the residents along that street seem to desire that the donation be accepted by the city and that the entire street be improved from Eighth street to Fortieth street. President Osborn of the Club, Mr. Parker, and others expressed themselves on the matter at length and as a result a better understanding was reached between the council and the club members. It is likely that in view of the almost universal desire of the Irving avenue property owners that the street be improved, that the council will take some action on the matter soon.

The council then adjourned. Invaluable for Rheumatism. I have been suffering for the past few years with a severe attack of rheumatism and found that Ballard's Snow Liniment was the only thing that gave me satisfaction and tended to alleviate my pains. March 24, '02. John C. Degman, Kinsman, Illa. 25c 50c and \$1.00. Sold by Hart's drug store.

POLITICAL OUTLOOK

Candidates For Various Positions Have Filed Petitions.

TWO DEMOCRATS FILED

Nearly All the Republican Candidates Have Filed Their Petitions and it is Now Up to the Voters to Make Selections.

The past few days have witnessed considerable activity in the political arena of Clatsop county. Most of the candidates on the Republican ticket have filed their petitions, all of which have been circulated and numerously signed. Two petitions were filed yesterday, one by Chas. C. Masten, Republican candidate for county commissioner, and one by B. E. Coffey, Democratic candidate for the same office. Up to date, only two Democratic petitions have been filed, B. E. Coffey for county commissioner and H. L. Henderson for state senator. It is the evident intention of the Democrats to join with the proposed citizens convention which has been called for April 21st, the day after the Republican primaries, and place a full citizen's ticket in the field, ignoring all the Democratic candidates and make an attempt to carry the election upon the issues of the December election. Since that election, there has been an apparent change of sentiment, most of the Republicans who assisted in electing the so-called citizens' ticket, having become convinced that the citizens' movement is simply a subterfuge to elect Democrats to office.

Up to last night, the following candidates have filed their petitions for office: State Senator, James W. Welch; representative, C. J. Curtis; county judge, T. S. Jewett and C. W. Carnahan; sheriff, Emsley Houghton, M. R. Pomeroy and John Frye; county clerk, J. C. Clinton; county commissioners, Howell Lewis and Chas. C. Matsen; treasurer, Chas. A. Holburn and W. A. Sormen; surveyor, R. C. F. Astbury; justice of the peace, P. J. Goodman. No candidates have been announced for constable, and there is one candidate on the legislative ticket. It is reported that John McIne will file his petition today for that position. It is not known if there will be any other candidates for the legislature, although several prominent citizens have been importuned to accept a nomination. It is expected that W. T. Schaffel will file his petition for state senator today. This will make the Republican nominations complete, with the prospect of very little opposition to any of the candidates mentioned and who have filed their petitions.

A representative of the Astorian has made an almost complete canvass of the county, and reports that the Republicans in the county are united, and the indications are that every precinct will roll up a good Republican majority. Registration from the various precincts continue to come in. Yesterday fifty registrations were filed from Clifton, all being Republicans but three, who declined to declare their politics. Westport reported eight and Olney five, all Republican with one exception. The registrations in the county up to the close of the clerk's office last evening, was as follows:

Astoria, No. 1, 83; No. 2, 104; No. 3, 191; No. 4, 139; No. 5, 128; No. 6, 74; No. 7, 74; total for the city, 604. The following are reported from the county precincts: Clifton, No. 1, 54; No. 2, 15; Chadwell, 25; Clatsop, 14; John Day, No. 1, 15; No. 2, 11; Elsie, 14; Jewell, 14; Knappa, 42; Mishawaka, 16; Melville, 12; New Astoria, 25; Olney, 13; Push, 11; Seaside, 117; Svensen, 10; Vesper, 12; Westport, 9; Warrenton, 25; Walluski, 18; Young's River, 19; total for the county, 1168.

The registrations for voting at the primaries closes on April 10, and persons who register but fail to declare their politics cannot vote at the primaries. All voters who register before April 10th do not have to register again to vote at the June election. Out of the 1168 voters who have registered, over 900 have declared their politics as Republican, the remaining number being divided between Democrats, Socialists and independents.

The indications are that about 2000 voters will register for the primaries, and the result is problematical. It is estimated that there are fully 3000 voters in the county, and those who do not register are mostly Democrats and Socialists who expect to nominate tickets by petition or assembly. An assembly requires 100 voters to meet in a mass meeting and nominate a ticket, and it is very evident from the registrations, that the Democrats intend to hold an assembly on the 21st of April and

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nominate a Democratic ticket. The Socialists are active and will no doubt place a full ticket in the field. COUNTY COURT HOUSE. Old Timer From Seaside Advocates Completion of Present Building. Seaside, Ore., March 19. Editor Astorian:—A few days ago I was a visitor in your city and I was surprised to see the many improvements that were made during the past year. You, as a city, have a fine city hall and the new hospital is a credit to any city, and then to see the foundation of the new court house as it is, that will cost one thousand dollars to put in repair, and make it as good as when work was suspended. Suppose your citizens were to get together in a mass meeting and nominate some one of your citizens for county commissioner, who has some ability as a mechanic, and build the court house. The present court house is a shame and disgrace to any county, as it is. Let some of your capitalists take stock in a company and put up the money. Let the building be built and the court pay the interest on the money advanced. As a citizen of the county, I say, build the court house. I have been a citizen for more than forty-two years and have seen the city and county grow from almost nothing as it were to what it now is. AN OLD TIMER. FRANK T. WRIGHTMAN, SECRETARY OF STATE. Reasons why FRANK T. WRIGHTMAN will be the Republican nominee for Secretary of State. Because he is a loyal Republican and has always fought in the ranks of the party regardless of factions. Because he is a man of integrity and responsibility and has every qualification to make an efficient officer. Because he is of the common people, a boy raised on the farm and made his way in the world by his own personal ability and perseverance. Because he has a reputation as an official which will bear the closest investigation by his constituents. Because he is a friend of the laboring classes of this state and has their cause and interest at heart. Because he is an advocate of measures whereby the burden of taxation may be distributed so as to be equal upon all properties within the state, tangible and intangible. Because he is more familiar with the necessities and requirements of the office to which he aspires than any other man in the State of Oregon. Because he has the confidence of the people of this state, who recognize his qualifications and purity of purpose. Because his legal qualifications particularly adapt and qualify him to fill such office. Because he has more friends than any other man in the State of Oregon, and will, therefore, get more votes. Because of his motto, "May the Wrightman win."

Cured Consumption. Mrs. B. W. Evans, Clearwater, Kan., writes, My husband lay sick for three months. The doctors said he had quick consumption. We procured a bottle of Ballard's Household Syrup, and it cured him. That was six years ago and since then we have always kept a bottle in the house. We cannot do without it. For coughs and colds it has no equal. 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by Hart's drug store. It pours the oil of life into your system. It warms you up and starts the life blood circulating. That's what Hollister's Rocky Mountain does. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. Frank Hart, druggist.

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