

COUNCIL MEETING

City Fathers Transact Much Business.

MANY ORDINANCES PASSED

Council Passes Large Number of Bills For Street Improvements—Bills Are Allowed—Oil Ordinance is Knocked Out.

It was a dull session last night at the city council for visitors, though considerable business relating to the different street improvements was transacted. All councilmen with the exception of Councilman Belland who has been given leave of absence, were present. After the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting a petition was read and referred to the street committee for the improvement of Four-

teenth street from Franklin to Grand avenues.

A petition from the West End Improvement Club, that the street car company be required to equip all their cars with fenders, was read and referred to the committee on streets and the city attorney.

A petition for a sewer on Harrison avenue was referred to the street committee.

A petition to extend Grand avenue in McClure's Astoria was read and referred to the city attorney.

A petition to improve Harrison avenue was referred to the street committee.

The committee on ways and means reported favorably on the following bills which were allowed: J. N. Griffin, \$5.00; J. Svendsen, \$4.50; Morning Astorian, \$44.63.

On the recommendation of the committee on health and police a liquor license was granted to the Chinook saloon. The following bills reported favorably on by the committee on health and police, were allowed: Sherman Transfer Co., \$3.00; Ross, Higgins Co., \$24.90; Central Meat Market, \$1.35; Western Union, 30 cents; F. V. Mohn, \$3.50; Prael-Eigner Transfer Co., \$1.00; N. Schlusel, \$8.85.

The committee on streets and public ways reported on the remonstrance

against the improvement of Melbourne avenue, with the recommendation that it be filed. The report was adopted. The following bills approved by the committee were allowed: Astoria Lumber Co., \$7.88; City Lumber & Box Co., \$24.30; Prael-Eigner Transfer Co., \$14.

The following bills approved by the committee on fire and water were allowed: Fisher Bros., \$3.25; Morse Department Store, \$1.00; Scholfield & Hauke, \$1.25; S. Elmore & Co., \$22.50.

The special committee appointed to investigate the Barry-Goodin controversy, reported favorably on the bill of C. J. Carleton for stenographic work for \$21.55, which was allowed.

The committee on public property reported on the following building permits which were allowed: August Lante, E. Gustafson and Sam. Berg. The following bills having been approved by the committee were allowed: Troy Laundry, 50 cents; City Lumber & Box Co., \$3.45.

The chief of police reported that for the best interests of the city, three sub-stations should be established in different portions of the city, where all persons arrested during the night could be put, without causing the policeman on duty to leave his post. It was stated that as it now is, a patrolman is compelled to take any one arrested to the city jail, which necessitates his absence from his beat for an hour or longer, and that thus that part of the city is temporarily left without proper police protection. Estimates gave the cost of constructing such sub-stations at \$100 each. The report was referred to the committee on public property.

The city physician reported one case of measles in the family of Mr. Settem on Eighth street, which has been quarantined.

On recommendation of the board of equalization the assessment for the improvement of Exchange street was confirmed.

The actions of the city council are sometimes mystifying to the outside observer, and to the uninitiated past understanding. Last night the ordinance relating to the storage of petroleum and its products, which has been up time and again for the past two months, each time to be sent back to the committee for further alterations, came up again. Apparently everything was smooth sailing and prospects seemed bright that it would go through, but again the unexpected happened and when it had been amended to the seeming satisfaction of every councilman present, the bill was voted on and lost, and now the city has the same ordinance which it has labored along under for years. As the ordinance came up last night it provided that tanks containing oil up to 100 gallons might be stored in buildings. The grocers' association presented a request that this amount be increased to 300 gallons, and acting on this request the council passed an amendment increasing the amount allowed to 300 gallons. Another amendment taxing the use of oil in quantities of from 100 gallons to 5000 gallons, was stricken out by the honorable body.

When all the changes that seemed advisable had been made, a vote was taken on the measure, and to the surprise of all the spectators, the bill was voted down. Councilmen Logan and Morton voted for the ordinance, and Councilmen Hansen, Kaboth, Lebeck, Lineweber, Robinson, and Stangland voted against it.

About two weeks ago a majority of the council consisting of three Democrats and two Republicans, held a meeting, and at this time all the proposed amendments were then gone over and an agreement reached that the bill should pass as drawn. Since that time some subtle and unknown agency seems to

have been at work for last night a wonderful change in opinion came about with the result that the ordinance was defeated.

From quarters which are supposed to be well informed it is stated that certain councilmen have a grudge against one of the oil companies in the city and the action last night was simply a means to satisfy the ill-feeling. An explanation of the council's action in vetoing the ordinance could not be obtained last night, but this will probably be forthcoming at the next meeting, when it is rumored that the matter will be brought up.

The ordinance relating to the licensing of slot machines, was on motion indefinitely postponed.

An ordinance regulating the contracting of indebtedness by the city was passed.

An ordinance appropriating \$382.50 for the improvement of Eighth street from Grand to Lexington avenues was read the first and second time.

An ordinance fixing the salary of the poundmaster at \$50 per month was read the first and second time.

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor and auditor to execute a deed conveying all the right, title and interest of the city to lots 3 and 4, block 116, in Shively's Astoria, was passed.

An ordinance providing for the improvement of Bond street from the West line of Sixth street to the West line of McClure's Astoria, was passed.

An ordinance providing for the construction of a sewer on Eighteenth street from Grand to Exchange streets was passed.

An ordinance to prevent blasting within the city limits within 600 feet of any residence or building was read the first and second time.

An ordinance confirming the assessment for the improvement of Exchange street from Nineteenth to Twenty-first street was read and passed.

An ordinance appropriating \$33.08 for the improvement of Fourteenth street from Grand to Jerome avenues was read the first and second time.

An ordinance appropriating \$650.17 for the improvement of Fourteenth street from Grand to Jerome avenues came up for its first and second readings.

An ordinance appropriating \$3450.52 for the improvement of Exchange street from Twenty-first to Nineteenth streets was passed.

An ordinance appropriating \$1319 for the improvement of Exchange street from Twenty-first to Nineteenth was read and passed.

The quarterly report of the City Treasurer was referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

A resolution for the construction of a drain on Melbourne avenue was adopted.

A resolution for the improvement of Irving avenue was read and adopted.

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

A resolution for the improvement of Tenth street from Commercial street to Duane was adopted.

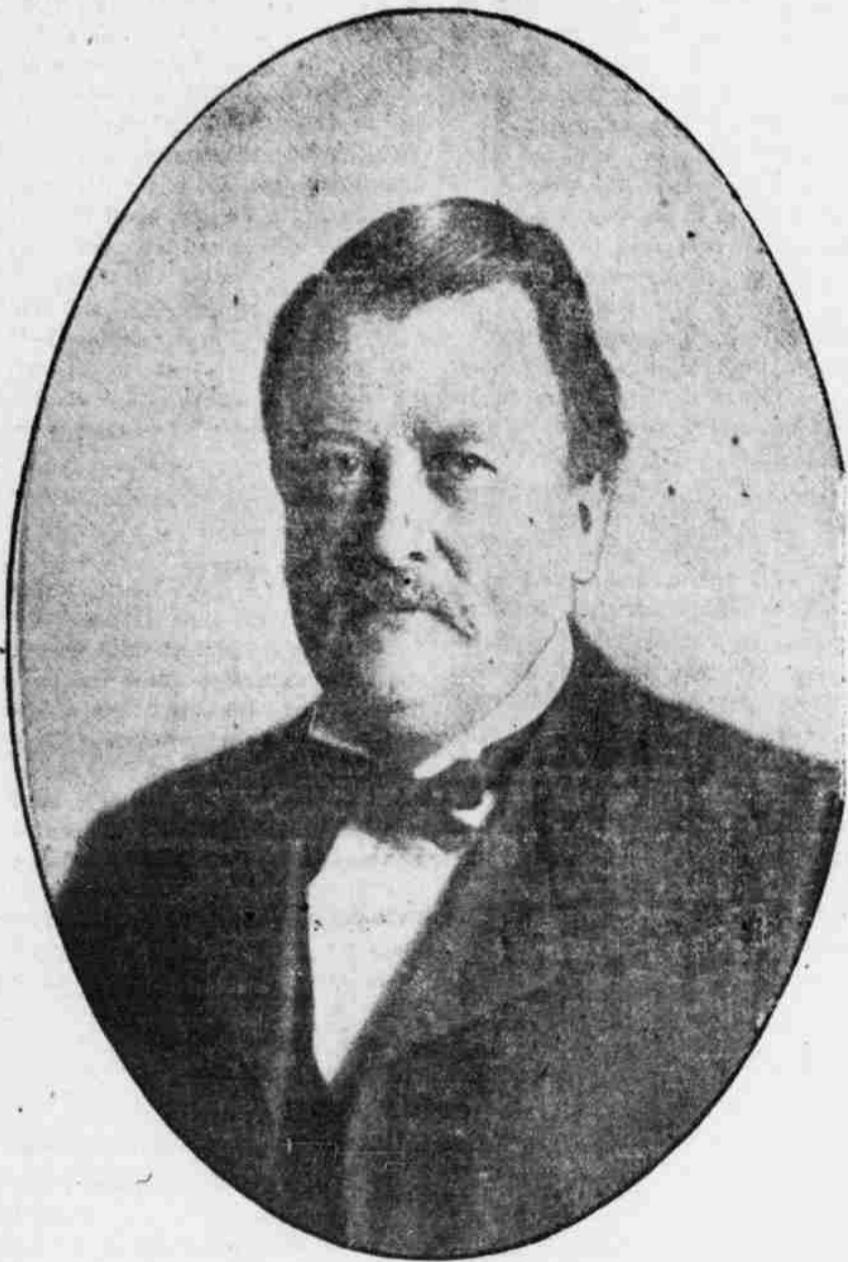
A resolution re-establishing the grade on Irving avenue from Ninth to Fourteenth streets was adopted.

A resolution to improve Eleventh street from Harrison to Kensington avenues was adopted.

A requisition from the fire chief for 1000 feet of 2 1/2-inch hose was approved. The council then adjourned.

There are few funny women on the American stage. See and hear Miss Lizzie Perry, the Jewish ex-sole with McKanlass' colored merry makers, who is the comical queen of fun at Logan's Hall, Thursday, April 19th.

E. B. WATSON



There is no element of the coming primary ticket to be voted on the 20th of the present month that requires so much deep and deliberate thought as the selection of a candidate for the long term federal senatorship. It is, obviously, the most important phase of the long list of aspirants that will be submitted for popular approval and determination; and the man who desires to see this distinguished office filled by a man of acumen, of power and discernment, who shall confer dignity and honor on the office itself and on the state, will consider very carefully the potent claim of Hon. E. B. Watson of

Portland, one of the profoundest lawyers of the Northwest and an ex-member of the supreme judiciary of Oregon; a master of the liveliest and broadest questions of great public concern and an ardent and loyal exponent of the best and highest of Republican principles; one in whose hands the largest and gravest matters may be left with the positive assurance of its exact and conscientious disposal, to the credit and distinct advantage and honor of the people at large. E. B. Watson as United States Senator for the long term will be a resource of endless value and pride to the people who shall contribute to his wearing of the toga.

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Treasurer's Receipts.—The receipts for this quarter by the city treasurer for street improvements have been \$1545.38.

Licenses.—At 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon the Fish Warden had issued 705 gill-net fishing licenses and 102 set-net. Ten camerias have procured licenses.

Successful Dance.—The Owl's last night held another of their most successful dances in Logan's hall. A large number were present and every one had a good time.

Incipient Burglary.—A case of petty burglary was discovered yesterday morning when the big establishment of Ford & Stokes Company opened up its doors for the day's business. The cash drawer in the office was found on the floor and the contents left there for change by the cashier, amounting to a fraction over \$20, were gone, save a few copper cents scattered over the floor. The thieves are suspected of having been formerly in the employ of the company, for they secured a hatchet from the basement, not venturing into the hardware side of the house where the gas was burning and where the open windows would have given them away. The police are on the track of the perpetrators and it is hoped they will be overhauled quickly.

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