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COUNCIL HOLDS BUSY SESSION Matters of Direct Public Interest Discussed and Adopted.

City council met in regular monthly session at the city hall on Monday evening. Roll call of officers found Mayor Woodson and Councilmen Kirk, W. O. Minor and Aiken present.

The usual number of bills and other routine business were disposed of in a hurry and some important matters requiring considerable discussion were taken up.

The proposition of appointing a fire chief, the organizing of fire companies and the manner of awarding said companies for actual services was discussed at some length, and was concluded in a motion by Minor in the following terms: That the volunteer fire company getting the first stream of water on a fire shall be paid \$20; the company getting the 2nd stream of water on a fire, \$10; and the chief shall receive \$10 for each fire.

That the fire chief be selected by the volunteer fire companies, subject to approval by the council; that each fire company take care of and replace their carts and hose; that the companies be required to practice at least once a month. Motion carried.

This action on the part of the council leaves the matter practically in the hands of the fire companies and it is hoped they will act on the matter as soon as possible. Just who will be selected as fire chief is a matter of conjecture, but a number of good men for that position were discussed at the council meeting, and the trouble will more than likely develop from getting someone who will serve rather than from finding someone who is capable.

Following the discussion of fire chief another important matter was taken up in the matter of sidewalks. A few months ago the council made a move toward bettering the thoroughfares by informing property owners of the poor condition of sidewalks and instructing them to fix the same. Some of the citizens who were blessed with a little local pride got busy and repaired the walks and fences, but others have either forgotten the request of the council or have not found time to comply with the request. Those are the people whom the council have in mind to touch up a little on the matter and with that end in view, Marshal McCraw was instructed to act in compliance with the ordinance on repairing of sidewalks, etc. Those knowing their walks to be in need of repair should get them fixed as soon as possible and save the chief of police the embarrassment of serving the written notice. Public pride should be the aggressor in this movement and not the law.

The matter of constructing good crosswalks was also brought up. It was agreed that the crosswalks should be built of stone or some other material of as good wearing quality. The councilmen present were appointed as a committee with power to act in the matter of choosing materials and constructing the walks. The walks to be laid at present will be placed on Main street, one leading from the Pastime corner to the building occupied by Phill Cohn; the other leading from the McNamee corner to the Groshens corner. If these walks prove satisfactory there will be other walks constructed of the

same material.

Councilman Kirk registered a complaint about the use of the Main street sidewalks as coasting trails for the small boys. Business men have been complaining about this annoyance for some time and finally made an appeal to the city fathers for help in the matter. Mayor Woodson instructed the marshal to look after the coasters and make them confine their joy riding to the back streets.

The matter of fire escapes on the Odd Fellows and Roberts buildings was taken up and it was decided to request the owners to construct ample escapes. Public gatherings should be prohibited in these buildings until good escapes are afforded.

The following bills were presented and allowed:

W P Hill, repairing water box.....	\$ 1 50
Gilliam & Bisbee, hdwre sup.....	6 25
Vangin & Sons, nails.....	40
Wm Ayers, killing one dog and burying two dogs, cleaning and drying hose one day.....	4 00
J A McCraw, salary.....	75 00
J P Williams, salary.....	18 05
H A Emerson, salary and telegrams.....	10 33
H L & W Co.....	99 60

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School Notes.

By S. E. Notson, Co. School Supt.

Under the requirements of the new law, all teachers are required to have their certificates registered each year by the county superintendent. This should be attended to before beginning school. No fee is required for registration.

School boards should not delay in securing a teacher. It is quite likely that there will be a shortage in the supply of teachers. It will facilitate matters if teachers will notify the superintendent when they have secured schools. If districts needing teachers will also send notice to the office, it may be an advantage. It would be well to state the length of term, the probable salary, whether lady or gentleman preferred, date of beginning, etc.

The school house and premises should be put in good condition before the time of opening school. It is well to bear in mind the order of the State Board of Health in regard to individual drinking cups. Also, make provision for some kind of closed tank for keeping the water supply pure. See that the window shades are all right and the provisions for ventilating the room are ample.

A special examination for the eighth grade will be held at the Court House, September 7 and 8. Pupils intending to take this examination should notify the superintendent at once.

Millard French was a passenger on Monday's train for Seattle, from which place he will sail for Cordova, Alaska. For some time past Mr. French's health has been failing and he believes the Alaskan climate will be beneficial to him. He will sail from Seattle the latter part of the week, landing at Cordova, and from there will go inland a distance of about two hundred miles to Nizina, in the Copper River district. The voyage at this time of year is made by the inland passage and is one of unsurpassed scenic beauty. Having put in a number of seasons up there before, Mr. French feels confident that his health will be improved and we hope that his confidence is not misplaced.

HOGS AND HORSES NEED OF FARMERS Dr. Withycombe Says Di- versified Farming best For Columbia Basin

Oregonian, August 7.

"Better farming methods, smaller and better cultivated farms and the production of wheat, field peas, hogs, draft horses and poultry will make the Columbia River Basin one of the most prosperous sections of the state," said Dr. James Withycombe, director of the Agricultural Experiment Station at Corvallis, at the Imperial last night.

Dr. Withycombe has just returned from Moro, Sherman county, where he passed several days inspecting the work of the branch experiment station of 225 acres at that point. He is very enthusiastic over the agricultural possibilities of the county, provided the farmers apply improved methods to the cultivation of their crops. Sherman county, he declared, will produce this year about 1,200,000 bushels of grain, or 60 per cent of a normal crop.

"This year Winter wheat (Turkish red), grown under field conditions, yielded 22.6 bushels an acre, although the season was one of the driest in the history of the country," said Dr. Withycombe, discussing the results of the experiment station demonstrations at Moro.

"To show the difference in farming methods, the wheat crop in another field directly across the road from the experiment station field was so poor that it will not be harvested. The failure of this crop was due to the poor system of farming employed and failure to conserve the moisture. The wheat in the experiment station farm at Moro was the only wheat I saw in Sherman county that was long enough to bind.

"The Moro station has 500 experimental plots used for variety tests, in which are included 75 varieties of wheat, corn, sorghum, kafir corn, and emmer. The station has a field of black emmer that promises to yield 35 bushels an acre. This crop makes splendid feed for swine, cattle and horses. There are also 150 acres in connection with the station where crops are grown under strictly farming conditions.

"The most gratifying experiments of the year were with the field pea. While not yet threshed, a conservative estimate fixes the yield of this crop at between 15 and 20 bushels an acre. Taking the minimum estimate, this means a little more than 200 pounds of pork an acre, worth at the present market price, \$14. This is acquired without the expense of harvesting, as the hogs attend to gathering the crop and will leave the land in better condition for wheat production than a bare summer fallow.

"There are splendid opportunities for farming in the Columbia River basin along different lines from those heretofore followed. The farmers of that section should no longer depend wholly on wheat. While wheat should and always will be the dominant crop, yet hogs, draft horses and poultry should be important factors in the agriculture of the section. I am quite sure if the farmers of Sherman county will take up the line of farming I have suggested, their revenues will be double what they are now receiving from their land.

"For instance, the horses on the farm should be brood mares. Each mare could raise a first-class colt each year and still assist in the farm work virtually as well as a gelding. This would give the farmer young horses to sell all the time and provide an important revenue for the farm. By growing field peas in rotation with wheat, Sherman county can be made one of the greatest hog countries in the West. It is also an ideal country for poultry. The poultry on each farm should be made to supply the necessary revenue for both the house

and the family.

"With the proper application of these farming methods, there is no reason why the farmers of Sherman county should not be exceptionally prosperous."

What Dr. Withycombe says of Sherman county is very true of Morrow county. When our farmers get away from the one crop idea and turn to diversified farming, they will have bigger bank accounts and all lines of business will be healthier.

Notice.

To whom it may concern:

From this date on all orders for wood and coal must be accompanied by the cash or orders will not be considered. Those in arrears must pay up or no orders taken. Prices for fuel at present: \$9.50 per ton for the best Rock Springs coal, nut or lump; \$5.50 per cord green slab, hauled direct from the car; \$6.00 per cord dry slab; \$3.00 per cord pine and fir cord wood; \$9.00 per cord oak; charges of 25c extra for less than cord or ton lots. I have on hand about 80 tons of Wyoming coal that I will sell for \$7.00 per ton as long as it lasts. Leave all orders at Slocum Drug Co. store, where you will be given a receipt for the same, or order direct from me.

Respectfully yours,
Elmer Beaman.

Heppner, Oregon, August 8, 1911.

Rev. E. P. Warren and wife will spend next Sunday at Parker's mill. Services will be held at 11 a. m. at school house near by. They will likely spend a few days the following week in the mountains, but will be back for services here Sunday week at 11 a. m. These people are busy now finishing up the church and getting ready for their annual conference which convenes here August 31.

Miss Bertha Huston was an incoming passenger Monday evening. Miss Huston has been attending the summer school at the Agricultural College at Corvallis. She departed for her home at Hardman Tuesday.

Sylvester Carr was in the city the first of the week attending the hearing in the Kelley case. Mr. Carr is in the barber business at The Dalles.

Mrs W. O. Hill and son, Herman are visiting relatives in Portland, having gone down there last Saturday.

R. F. Hynd came up from Portland Monday to look after business in Heppner for a few days.

Victims of Fraud.

A small boy of my acquaintance whom I told that his alleged strawberry jam was probably made of pomace from cider-mills, sweetened with glucose, and supplied with hay seeds or tomato seeds, to make it look natural, said: "I don't care; it looks like jam, and tastes like jam. What difference does it make?" This seems to be the case with more people than my small boy friend. They do not seem to mind being the victims of fraud; as long as what they get resembles what they want, they don't seem to care whether or not they are getting what they pay for. They entrust their marketing to the telephone, servants and children, and when it comes home they never question whether the butcher, baker, or other food vendor, has sent their money's worth; and, too, they never investigate to see whether the real thing or a substitute of foodless food has been sent, and not only their pocket-books are cheated, but often all the family is harmed from eating things which put the human system to a great amount of unnecessary work to carry off the enormous amount of waste. And instead of being given extra nutriment for the extra work, it is getting even less than its normal amount. The result is a weakened body structure, less able to stand the wear and tear, and more vulnerable to disease.—"The Household Interests," in The Ladies World for August.