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HOTEL IS LOCATED ON CALVIN CORNER

Just West of the Post Office.

Stockholders of the Enterprise Hotel Co., met Monday evening to elect the board of directors in order to avoid a possible error in procedure, and to select a site for the proposed hotel building.

The directors elected for a term of one year were, W. R. Holmes, W. J. Funk, G. W. Hyatt, E. R. Bowlby, G. S. Craig, D. W. Sheahan and John Root. The next order of business was the selection of a site. Several were suggested but it soon became evident that there were those who favored any location facing the public square, and those who wanted it on the block on which Combes' blacksmith shop is located. A great deal of skirmishing was done by both sides and nothing had been done by one o'clock A. M., when the meeting adjourned until Tuesday evening.

During the day other sites were proposed and finally a few minutes before the meeting was called to order, John Calvin offered to sell his two corner lots for \$1650 and take \$500 in stock. The proposition took like wild fire, and a subscription paper was circulated to raise money to reduce the cost of the site to the Hotel Co. Six hundred dollars was subscribed in a very few minutes, some few of them paying the cash before signing their names. The buildings on the lots were valued at several hundred dollars and will still reduce the cost of the best location in town.

A vote was then taken on a site for the proposed hotel and every share of stock was voted for the Calvin corner. This was happily settled, which for a time seemed like a very bad breach in the company. Everybody was satisfied and rejoiced over such a satisfactory settlement.

Eight thousand six hundred dollars seems quite an amount for a town the size of Enterprise to raise in a few days for any undertaking, but it was done quickly and easily and shows what the town is capable of doing when it is necessary. Enterprise will have one of the best hotels in Eastern Oregon.

Directors Meet.

The directors of the Enterprise Hotel Co. met in Attorney Sheahan's office Tuesday afternoon and effected an organization by electing the following officers:

- President W. R. Holmes
- Vice President W. J. Funk
- Secretary G. W. Hyatt
- Treasurer John Root

On Wednesday some of the directors accompanied by K. S. Pace drove out to the stone quarries as a preliminary to letting contracts for the quarrying and delivery of stone for the building.

Old Buildings.

The old buildings on the Calvin lots purchased for the new hotel will be offered for sale next Saturday at 2 o'clock P. M. to the highest bidder for cash or note with approved security. The corner building is exceptionally well constructed and some person who buys it will probably get a bargain. The other buildings are fairly good and could be repaired into a good dwelling house.

The Annual School Meeting.

The annual school meeting was held in the school house last Monday. G. S. Craig was elected director, and D. L. Reavis re-elected clerk. The directors were instructed to call an election according to law, that the question of establishing the Ninth and Tenth Grades, may be voted upon.

Mayor's Inaugural Message.

Continued from last week.

The city water ditch is a subject in which we are all more or less interested at this time of the year when we begin to feel the need of water for the purposes of irrigation. This ditch and the flume which forms a part of it, was constructed by donations of money and labor on the part of the inhabitants of the city, assisted by appropriations from the city treasury. The water which it supplied to the people of the city, was appropriated from the Wallowa river, in the year 1898, at a point then on vacant public land of the United States; and this fact, according to my view, under the laws of the United States and the city charter, vests in the city government a perfect right to appropriate the water and flow it over the land which was then vacant, although such land may have been since taken up under the land laws of the United States. This is certainly a very valuable property right in the city, and should not be lost nor impaired by any abandonment or neglect on the part of the city officials. The ditch should be kept in repair and not permitted to damage any premises by breakage or overflow. There appears to be a few rods of the ditch where the same runs on a hill-side on the land of F. A. Clark, that should be flumed, as the ground at that place is light and porous and full of squirrel holes and likely to cause considerable trouble from breakage, unless permanent repairs are made. The lateral ditches which take the water from the main ditch, do not seem to be kept in repair, but are allowed to overflow, and the water to run onto and stand and stagnate on the streets, making travel difficult in places, besides causing probable danger to the health of people living near the same. I recommend that the council take such steps as will insure an ample supply of water through this ditch to the people of the city during the irrigating seasons, and at the same time guard against wastage of the water and injury to public and private rights by reason of breakage and overflow.

I notice that there are many low places in the streets where the water caused by rains and melting snow, will stand until it disappears through the slow process of evaporation and absorption. This water, when it stands on the streets, is a source of much inconvenience and probable danger to health, and is certainly very unsightly. This trouble could be obviated by filling up these low places, and making the grade of the streets uniform and somewhat elevated in the centre, with drainage ditches at the sides, if necessary.

Some portions of the sidewalks in the city appear to be in a very deplorable state of repair; and in some places there are very dangerous breaks, jogs and jump-offs. Under the charter of the city, the council has the power and authority to cause the sidewalks to be repaired by or at the expense of the owners of the adjoining property. It is very important that the streets and sidewalks be at all times kept in a good and safe condition, as any defect in the same may at any time cause one or more accidents, involve the city in litigation, and make it liable for damages in an amount sufficient to empty the treasury and plunge us into deep indebtedness. For these reasons, I hope the council will immediately give its attention to the work of seeing that those defects are remedied.

Some of our merchants seem to think that they have a right to appropriate the sidewalks for the purpose of displaying their wares and merchandise, and they make a constant practice of occupying, not only the walk in front of their own, but sometimes also in front of their neighbor's houses, with farming implements, bob-sleds, and other such articles. If there is no ordinance that will require such obstructions to be kept off the sidewalks, I would suggest that one be passed for that purpose.

I also hope the council will give its

attention to the alleys of the city and back-yards of private premises. Such places often accumulate rubbish that may breed disease or make a starting place for fire, besides giving the city a general appearance of shabbiness and neglect. The alleys are under the control of the city and can be easily attended to under the direction of the council, while a mere general request from the council to the owners, will, I think, be sufficient as far as private property is concerned.

For some reason the city seems to have never been provided with a corporate seal. I think it should have one to place on its official documents and which will give them greater sanction as such, than without a seal.

In the course of the coming fiscal year, I expect to make many other suggestions and recommendations, and hope these that I have submitted will receive at your hands the consideration which I think they deserve.

Respectfully,
D. W. SHEAHAN, Mayor.

The Buggy Man Again.

The county is again being over run by carriage, hack and buggy men from the East. They are selling a cheap class of goods at high prices and taking farmer's notes which they discount at the banks, at liberal rates. They also take old vehicles in exchange to help along a sale, which they dispose of to second hand dealers and whenever opportunity offers to other farmers.

These foreigners make all sorts of offers to induce a farmer to trade, or buy one of their wonderful buggies. In one instance north of town they asked the price of \$135 and the old buggy for a new rig. The farmer refused to deal and they stayed with him two hours finally reducing the price to \$50 and the old buggy.

Other instances are quoted in which offers to induce a farmer to trade, or buy one of their wonderful buggies. These fellows come every year and as often as they come they succeed in disposing of a lot of cheap "stuff" for paper that is as good as gold. They are smooth talkers and many a farmer is induced to buy a buggy that has no use for it nor is really able to pay for it.—Pendleton Tribune

Pensions for Many.

WASHINGTON, June 16.—The House today passed the Indian War veteran bill, for which the Oregon delegation has been struggling so many years. The bill is identical with that which passed the senate on February 18 last, except for an unimportant verbal amendment. As passed, the bill makes immediately applicable the provisions of the Blackhawk pension act. Those who will be awarded are the surviving officers and enlisted men, including marines, militia, and volunteers of the military and naval service of the United States, who served for 30 days or more, and were honorably discharged under the United States military, state, territorial or provisional authorities in the Cayuse war of 1837, 1848-49, on the Pacific Coast, the Oregon and Washington Indian wars from 1851 to 1856, and numerous other Indian wars. The bill also makes provision for widows of such such officers and enlisted men, provided that such widows have not remarried, and provided further that where there is no record of enlisted or muster into the service of the United States, in any of the wars mentioned in the act, the record of pay by the United States shall be accepted as full and satisfactory proof of such enlistment and service; and provided, further, that all contracts heretofore made between the beneficiaries under this act and pension attorneys and claim agents are declared null and void.—Oregonian.

I have one of the Anderson A grade buggies. If you are thinking of buying a buggy, I will be pleased to show you this one. John Caltin.

Precinct Officers.

The following is a list of the road supervisors, justices and constables elected at the recent election in the various precincts:

Enterprise—L. Green, j. p., L. F. McNulty, con. The road supervisors tied and the election has not yet been decided.

Wallowa—J. P. Morelock j. p., John Landman, con. Jas. Wright, sup.

Lostine—J. F. Burleigh, j. p., B. F. Childers, con. W. W. Willett, sup.

Joseph—J. J. Standley, j. p., A. E. Donnelly, con., Wm. Newby, supervisor.

Innaha—B. Marks, j. p., A. D. Warlock, con., Thos. McCarty, sup.

Flora—J. A. Eddlemon, j. p., Jas. Haynes, con., H. Mench, sup.

Grouse—Lafayette Wilson, j. p., Frank Svinney, con. Everett Richmond, sup.

Promise—J. C. Phillips, sup.

Lost Prairie—Lon Knight, sup.

Paradise—D. W. Kuhn, sup.

Trout Creek—S. A. Hart, sup.

Pine Creek—Joseph Gill, sup.

Park—J. A. Blevins, sup.

Divide—J. W. Huffman, sup.

Prairie Creek—J. H. Scott, sup.

Garden of Eden road district—Jas. Chadsey.

Financial Statement.

Of the condition of the receipts and disbursements of the city of Enterprise for the year beginning June 4, 1901 and ending June 4, 1902.

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| To amt on hand June 4, 1901 | \$806.23 |
| Real 2 saloon license | \$800 |
| Fines Recorder's court | \$236 |
| Show licenses | \$30 |
| Tax for Ott bridge | \$12.28 |

Total \$1884.61

By warrants issued \$ 8.50

For election expenses \$ 8.50

Salaries, Recorder, Treasurer, & Attorney 142.50

Electric lights 203.53

Labor on cross walks, etc 192.40

Lumber 228.27

Fees, Recorder & Marshall 75.00

Work on water ditch 20.50

Printing 5.15

Miscellaneous 95.46

Total \$1017.16

Balance on hand \$807.45

CARL ROB, Recorder

Woodmen Officers.

At the last meeting of the Woodmen of the World, the following officers were elected for the ensuing six months:

- L. Green Commander
- J. A. French Advisor
- E. R. Bowlby Banker
- C. A. Ault Clerk
- J. W. Hansen Escort
- A. B. Dunbar Watchman
- W. W. Zureber Sentry

Entertainment and Dinner.

Every one is cordially invited to be present at the closing exercises of the Noble and Trout Creek schools, which will be held on Friday the 27th of June, at the Trout Creek school house.

Come out and enjoy yourself, under the pines and among the good people of these schools. Basket dinner at noon. Exercises follow.

J. W. KEANS.

We are in receipt of a chemical analysis of the substance brought in by Joe Gill some weeks ago, which his son found in his travels through the mountains. It is as follows:

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| Carbon | 43 per cent |
| Sulphur | 06 |
| Lime | 40 |
| Water | 10 |
| Silicate | 01 |

It is supposed to be organic matter of some kind, but a piece of it has been sent to Washington, D. C. to further be tested.

Everything

For

Spring

At the

Busy Big Store



A Car load of wag-

ons and farm machinery.

Respectfully yours,

E. M. & M. CO.