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THE CITY COUNCIL

An Interesting and Busy Session Was Held Last Evening.

The Return of \$1000 to the County Laid Over—No Action Taken on Lewis and Clark Road Matter.

The city council met in regular session last evening at 7 p. m., all the members being present, and Mayor Taylor presiding. Ald. Parker was excused from attendance on account of important business in connection with the regatta. Upon motion, the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

Petitions for retail liquor license were filed by H. B. Parker and I. Larson, and referred to the committee on health and police.

The report of the treasurer of the public library, showing the disbursement of the allowance for the month of June was read and referred to the committee on ways and means.

A remonstrance against the proposed amendment of Ordinance 1259, providing for the time and manner of improving Genevieve street, signed by C. R. Thomson, as attorney for Mary P. Thomson, and also other property owners, was read and referred to the city attorney for his opinion.

Committee on ways and means reported back and recommended payment of the following claims: Evening News, \$1.92; 28c; 32c; 65c; 97c; 80c; 20c; 28c; 33c; \$1.12.

The same committee reported on the application of the A. and C. R. R. R. for a redemption deed to the frontage of east half of Lot 2, Block 129, Shively's Astoria, and recommended that the same be granted. In the matter of the application of Herman Wise for the rebate of cost charged on certain delinquent taxes, due on Lot 5, Block 90, McClure's Astoria, and offering to pay the amount of such taxes, provided a quit claim be executed to him by the city, the committee on ways and means recommended that said application be granted, and it was ordered that said deed be executed on the payment of the whole amount of tax thereon by Mr. Wise.

The committee on health and police reported back and recommended payment of the following claims: Astor House, \$18.50; James Petty, \$5.50; Gus Gustafson, \$2; P. B. Elmer, \$4; B. F. Allen, \$1; A. L. Fulton \$4; Estes-Conn Drug Company, \$60.

The pay roll of the city surveyor for levying on property liable for delinquent taxes due on 18th street assessment and Adair's drainage district, in

the sum of \$10, was ordered paid. The petition of S. Friedman for rebate on auctioneer's license or an extension in the time for payment thereof, was referred back by the committee on health and police with a recommendation that it be not allowed.

The consideration of the report of the committee on streets and public ways relative to the surveyor's recommendation for the grade on 24th street, was postponed until next meeting.

The committee on streets and public ways reported back and recommended for payment the following claims: H. F. Prall & Co., \$1.25; Ford & Stokes Co., \$1.

The ordinance confirming the assessment on Exchange street was called up for the second and third readings, but was referred back to the committee on streets and public ways.

The committee on fire and water reported favorably on the following claims, and they were ordered paid: Astoria Transfer Co., \$; Clatsop Mill Co., \$8; C. J. Trencard, assignee, \$1.75; Bremner & Holmes, \$29.75; E. C. Foster, \$2.50.

The committee on fire and water reported back the petition of Rescue Engine Co. No. 2, for allowance of discount on monthly allowance warrant, and recommended that the same be not allowed.

The report of the water commission for the second quarter of 1896, was reported back by the committee on fire and water and ordered filed.

Committee on public property submitted a requisition for repairs on roof of Rescue Engine house, and certain supplies therefor, and same was ordered allowed.

The city surveyor's estimate of probable cost of improving 10th street between Grand and Harrison avenues, one block, in the sum of \$5,564, was ordered filed. The city attorney filed his written opinion relative to the liability of the county court to turn over to the city moneys collected for road taxes within the city limits, in which he recommended that no action be taken until a decision was reached in a similar case now pending in the supreme court on appeal from Oregon City.

The following ordinances were read first and second times: To establish the grade of Irving avenue; to establish the grade of Harrison avenue.

An ordinance providing for the time and manner of improving 10th street from the south side of Harrison avenue to the north side of Harrison avenue, was read the first time.

An ordinance to establish the grade of Duane street from 18th to 23d streets was read the first and second time and a motion of Ald. Welch to suspend the rules and read the same the third time was lost. The following ordinances were read

the third time and passed: To appropriate \$117.50 out of the general fund for the benefit of the Clatsop Mill Co., to amend Section 1, ordinance 1884, entitled "An Ordinance to License and Regulate Laundries and Washhouses," to authorize the issuance of Grand avenue street bonds to F. W. Christenson, in the sum of \$3179.54; to issue same bonds to Clinton & Co. in the sum of \$584; to appropriate \$117.50 out of the general fund for the benefit of B. B. Johnson, to appropriate \$225 out of the road and crossing fund for the benefit of Clinton & Co.; to appropriate \$200 out of the general fund for the police court and jail; to establish the grade at the intersection of 9th street and Grand avenue; to establish the grade of Irving avenue; to establish the grade of Harrison avenue.

An ordinance appropriating \$1000 out of the road and crossing fund for the benefit of Clatsop county, was read the first time. On motion of Ald. Welch further consideration of the same was further postponed indefinitely.

Ordinances appropriating out of the general fund \$100 for stationery, blanks and blank books, and \$120 for the pound, were read the third time and passed.

A resolution offered by Ald. Parker providing for a meeting of the board of equalization on September 2nd, 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m., to consider the assessment of Franklin avenue, was adopted.

On the joint recommendation of the city attorney and the committee of ways and means, it was ordered that an old lien of the city subsisting on Lot 2, Block 51, McClure's Astoria, be cancelled, in order to clear the title to said lot, as prayed for by A. G. Spexarth.

The following claims were read and referred to the committee on fire and water: Thomas Olsen, \$29.75; Portland Electrical Works, \$34.07; Columbia Iron Works, \$6c.

Claims read and referred to committee on ways and means as follows: Griffin & Reed, \$5.15; seventy-three separate claims of the Evening News Publishing Company, for printing city notices and other advertisements.

On motion, adopted by unanimous vote, it was decided that the council should meet and participate as a body in the annual parade of the Firemen's Association today.

The council thereupon adjourned.

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MAYOR CALLED DOWN

Mind-Your-Own-Business Pennoyer Diverged of His Power.

Portland City Council Takes From the Populist the Power of Placing His Political Friends in Par Offices.

Portland, August 19.—The city council this afternoon took snap judgment on Mayor Pennoyer and removed from his hands all the patronage of the street cleaning department.

Some days ago the Republicans of the council asked City Attorney Calkins for an opinion as to whether the charter vests the appointment of committees in the mayor or in the council.

The six Republicans and "Billy" Mead, Democrat, in accordance with this opinion, offered a resolution dissolving all committees of the council. It was carried by a vote of 7 to 4. They then proceeded to re-organize the standing committees, placing Republicans on important committees and supporters of Pennoyer on committees of less importance. The new arrangement takes the entire patronage of the street cleaning department out of the hands of the mayor and leaves it to the committee of the council.

SAN DIEGO GETS THE PRIZE.

Japanese Steamships Will Ply to the California Port.

San Diego, Cal., August 19.—The Union this morning published the following:

Chicago, August 18.—Arrangements with the railroad company are complete. I have written authority that steamers will go to San Diego if San Diego and Los Angeles comply with the requirements made when we were there. I leave here for San Diego tomorrow, stopping one day at St. Louis. Mr. Asano leaves tomorrow for New York." (Signed) Butler.

This refers to arrangements between the Toyo Kisen Kaisha Steamship Company, of Japan, and the Santa Fe Railroad Company to run steamers between Yokohama and San Diego, for handling overland business and especially cotton to Japan.

The appointment of Colonel Sawtelle as quartermaster general will be the promotion of the following officers: Lieutenant-Colonel Humphrey to be colonel; Major Purdy to be lieutenant-colonel; and Captain Charles A. Booth to be major.

DEMO-POPULIST HEADQUARTERS.

Washington, August 19.—The executive committee of the Populists de-

clined today to establish branch headquarters at Chicago. Chairman Butler was given almost full control of the Populist campaign.

Chairman Faulkner, of the Democratic congressional campaign committee says the committee will not put out any speakers until the first of September. He says that the committee is short of funds and cannot send many speakers out, but they must rely much on literature to reach the people.

A SILVER LESSON.

Washington, August 19.—Reports have been received from Buenos Ayres that an American syndicate has offered the Argentine republic \$100,000,000 in silver in exchange for \$100,000,000 in bonds payable in gold at four per cent, with a half per cent added as a sinking fund. The offer of the Americans is said to be a part of a general plan by which Argentine is seeking to go from a paper to a specie basis. The plan contemplates that each of the new silver dollars shall take up two of the paper dollars. It is said that the market value of Argentine four per cent gold bonds is such that the transaction would prove a profitable one for the Americans, while its incidental effect would be to dispose of a considerable supply of the surplus silver of the United States.

THE BIKE IN THE ARMY.

Helena, August 19.—Lieut. Moss, of the 25th Infantry, and eight soldiers, heavily accoutred and carrying four days' rations, covered the distance between Fort Missoula and Harrison, 132 miles, including the passage of a rocky range, in twenty-two hours on bicycles. The heaviest wheel, with pack and rider weighed 272 pounds, and the lightest 202. This is the first detachment put on the road by the army to test the practicability of the bicycle as a machine for military purposes in a mountain country.

IN IDAHO.

Boise, Idaho, August 19.—The Democratic and Populist convention have not made much progress. The Democratic gathering has done nothing. The Populists this morning proceeded to the selection of a committee to confer with the Democrats on fusion.

NEW YORK DEMOCRATS.

New York, August 19.—The sub-committee of the Democratic party reform organization met today and after consultation issued a call for a state convention to be held at Syracuse August 31 to choose delegates to the convention of the national Democratic party at Indianapolis and to nominate, or provide for the nomination of, presidential electors, governor, and other

state officers, or to take such action in the premises as the convention may determine to be advisable. The call then continues:

"In this grave crisis of the country and of our party we earnestly ask the co-operation of all the Democrats of New York who reject the Chicago platform and nominees, and who believe that labor should be paid in honest dollars."

GOLD FROM EUROPE.

Washington, August 19.—Acting Secretary Curtis today received a telegram from the assistant treasurer at New York, stating that arrangements had been made there to import six million in gold from Europe. While foreign exchange is slightly above the importing point, it is said that should it decline during the next few days, as rapidly as during the last week, gold importations from Europe will yield a good profit. Officials here are hopeful that the tide has turned and that from now on the reserve will be rapidly increased. The treasury today lost \$153,600 in gold coin and \$13,600 in bars, which leaves the true amount of the reserve at \$104,361,051.

THREE FRIENDS RELEASED.

Washington, August 19.—Acting Secretary Curtis has instructed the collector of customs at Jacksonville to release the suspected filibuster Three Friends recently seized by the revenue cutter Boutwell.

DANCING ENTERTAINMENT.

Pretty Young Ladies at Fisher's Opera House last night.

At Fisher's last evening Professor Higgs' class of fancy dancers completely captivated an audience composed of the elite of the city. Miss Jennie Curtis in the Highland fling was very graceful and won much applause. In the skirt dance Misses Minnie Crow and Jennie Curtis executed the number perfectly. Miss Minnie's costume was especially elaborate and the young lady looked very beautiful.

But what completely took the audience was the minuet by the "Little Eight," Misses Nanette Adams, Ada Kendall, Hazel Robb and Faye Dellinger; Masters Freddie Newell, Lawrence Rogers, Jamie Robb and Wilson Stein. The performance of those little ladies and gentlemen was wonderful and their efforts were duly appreciated. Their costumes could not be improved upon and they looked as cute as could be.

Miss Madge Sovey, in her dance in the Gypsy Fantasia, wore a pretty dress and executed her part quite artistically. Miss Annie Stockton cleverly executed a skirt dance and appeared to excellent effect in a pretty costume. Miss Nellie Utzinger also look-

ed pretty, as did Miss Alice Gray. Prof. Love appeared in several specialties and caused no end of amusement. His songs, especially "My Mammy Told Me So," being well rendered. Altogether the affair was very successful and reflects great credit upon Prof. Higgs.

The entertainment will be repeated tonight.

THE BALL.

There was a large gathering of Astoria's young society folk at the ball in the A. F. C. hall last night. The spacious room was decorated tastefully for the occasion and every dance was participated in by as many as could be accommodated on the floor. The music was rendered by a select orchestra and the whole affair passed off in a highly entertaining manner.

On Friday evening a women's ball will be given at the same place, and arrangements are being made to entertain a large crowd.

NEW PROPOSITION.

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This investment can be purchased by ten annual payments, or by single premium if preferred. Send exact date of birth to Wm. S. Pond, State Manager, 404-4 Oregonian Building, Portland, Oregon.

GREAT REDUCTION.

During regatta week we will make cabinet photographs at \$2.00 per dozen. Smaller sizes, \$1.25 and \$1.50. We are also headquarters for marine and regatta views. Pictures of the war vessels which visit this port, the ships wrecked here and the great log raft on sale. Work first-class in every particular. SNODGRASS, 729 Commercial.

TO PARENTS.

The Sisters of the Convent of the Holy Names have arrived in Astoria, and will remain here permanently. They can be found at their residence, Judge Taylor's former home, Franklin avenue and 16th street. Those who desire to make application for terms of tuition, music, etc., will please call. SISTERS SUPERIOR.

Salton Sea Salt for baths at the Estes-Conn Drug Store. 10c and 25c per package.