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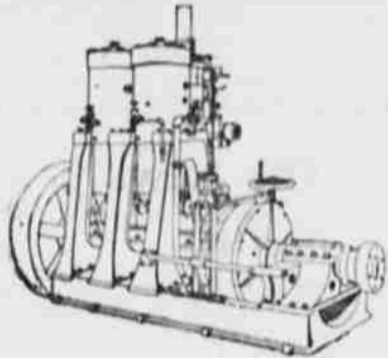
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THE CITY COUNCIL MAKES GOOD LAWS

Interesting Session, Largely Attended By All Classes of People.

GAMBLING ORDINANCE PASSED

Bonds to Be Issued to Take Up Warrant Indebtedness and the City Placed On a Cash Basis

A large attendance was present last night at the meeting of the city council, every seat in the hall being occupied and many visitors standing up.

PETITIONS.

Herman Grill for retail liquor license. Referred to committee.

Property owners on Bond street to improve certain portion of that thoroughfare. Referred to committee on streets and public ways, with power to act.

W. C. T. U. that the gambling ordinance before the council do not pass. Filed.

Y. P. S. C. E. of the Presbyterian church, that the gambling ordinance be not passed. Filed.

B. D. Johnson for permission to place weather signals and implements on top of the bell tower adjacent to the city hall. Granted.

REMONSTRANCES.

Property owners against the building of the 11th street sewer. A number of signs withdrew their names from the remonstrance, as they had signed it under misapprehension. Referred to street committee.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Water commission stating that Engineer Adams advises that he could get the new electric light plant in operation in 90 days from the time the order was given to rush things. Filed.

Rescue Engine Company No. 2 offering to sell the city all of its property--horses, harness, etc., for \$250, which originally cost \$500. Referred to committee on fire and water.

R. N. Caraban asking for cancellation of lien again his property for original improvement of Bond street. Referred to committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Streets and Public Ways--Recommending pay roll superintendent of streets, \$58; city treasurer, \$138.50; West Shore Mills, \$398.30. Adopted.

Fire and Water--Recommending the bills of the Oregon Improvement Company, \$1; Astoria Street Railway Company, \$1; T. Loughery, \$4.50; F. M. Green, \$4.50; Astoria Box Company, \$5.50. Adopted.

Public Property--Reported having employed John Matter as sexton of Clatsop cemetery at a salary of \$45. Approved.

Recommending pay roll of the city surveyor, \$236.50; S. Normie, \$30; Astoria Box Company \$12. Adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

Astoria Public Library--Showing disbursements for March. Filed. Estimate of improvement of 29th street from Exchange to the railway line, \$2,700. Filed.

ORDINANCES.

First and Second Readings--Authorizing the mayor to execute deeds to property redeemed from tax sales by A. S. Bennett. Referred to street committee.

To establish grade on 25d street. On motion the rules were suspended and the ordinance was read the third time by title and passed.

To establish the grade of 21st street. On motion the rules were suspended and the ordinance was read the third time by title and passed.

To establish the grade of 23d street. On motion the rules were suspended and the ordinance was read the third time by title and passed.

Providing for the issuance of municipal bonds for \$50,000 indebtedness on warrants held by Morris & Whitehead, of Portland, to be dated April 1, payable in twenty years, with interest at 6 per cent per annum, payable semi-annually.

Morris & Whitehead proposed to take up all outstanding warrants and exchange them for city bonds, and to test the legality of the deal in the courts at their own expense by a friendly suit followed to the supreme court, the courts all having agreed to advance the case on their calendars.

This proposition includes the oldest outstanding warrants up to one issued the last day of last month. On request of Mr. Morris, of the handling firm, who was present, explained the method of handling the deal, which puts Astoria on a cash basis. On motion the rules were suspended and the ordinance was read the third time.

When the roll was called McGregor said he had changed his mind on the question of bonding the city's debt, and would vote no; that it is better for the city to pay 8 per cent interest on warrants to its own people than to pay only 6 per cent to foreigners, that the warrant system was safer for the city. Parker explained his vote by saying that it saved the city \$20 per year, and voted aye. The ordinance passed all voting aye except McGregor.

The electric lighting ordinance was referred back to second reading. Authorizing the mayor to execute deeds to A. S. Bennett for property redeemed from tax sale. Read second and third time and passed.

An amendment to the electric lighting ordinance was offered by the committee on streets and public ways, authorizing a contract with the West Shore Mills for one year from April 16, at \$12 per lamp. On motion the amendment was amended by making the term "until the city is able to do its own lighting," instead of one year. After a lengthy and breezy discussion of the question the amendment to the ordinance was lost. On the vote on the original amendment it passed.

The ordinance was then read the third time and on roll call the vote was a tie. Trullinger not voting, and the ordinance was declared lost.

Third Reading--Appropriating \$250 for the purchase of horses and apparatus of Alert Hook and Ladder Company. Passed.

Licensing and Regulating Gambling--Upon roll call the vote stood as follows: Aye--McGregor, Parker, Silverton, Trullinger and Welch. Nays--Brix, Clinton, Schabo, Thompson.

McGregor explained his vote by stating that he was opposed to gambling and every other vice, but believed the ordinance was for the best interests of the city, and the only way in which it could meet the present crisis and put the evil somewhere near under control.

RESOLUTIONS.

To cancel coupons on street bonds. Passed.

Welch here read the list of ordinances not enforced, and offered a straight resolution to enforce the following ordinances:

Prohibiting gambling, bawdy houses, smoking opium, prohibiting employment of women in bar rooms, and all ordinances of the city of Astoria. Referred back to the introducer for amendment.

That the committee on streets and public ways be authorized to contract with the West Shore Mills for lighting the city with not less than thirty-three lights, according to their proposition, \$17 per light, until the city's plant is completed. Adopted.

Resolved, That J. H. Mansell, C. W. Stone and T. O. Trullinger be appointed viewers of the proposed extension of Commercial street and assess the damages and benefits, to meet at the city hall April 15. Referred back for amendment.

Instructing the auditor to give notice of the improvement of 33d street. Adopted.

The usual number of claims were presented and referred to the proper committees. Adjournment was taken until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

SITUATION HAS BECOME ACUTE

Flood Districts in the East Not Yet Over the Worst Period.

DANGER LINE NEAR AT HAND

Torrents Pouring Into the Mississippi From All Tributaries--Waters Still Rising and Damage Increasing.

Memphis, April 2.--The flood situation has once more become acute from a point a few miles above Austin, Miss., as far down as the first break at Portsmouth, Miss. Another crevasse in this line of levees would not be surprising. A crevasse at Austin would inundate a strip of fertile country in Tunica and Coahoma counties twenty miles wide and sixty miles long.

Reports from Helena show that the river there is still slowly rising and it is almost miraculous that the levees at Helena have not broken. Thousands of people have been working day and night and their energies are seemingly exhausted. The Missouri Pacific and the cotton roads have rushed into the beleaguered city and they still stand ready to help the Helena people.

Greenville is on an island and Rosedale, Miss., is in the water from five to ten feet deep. The funds of the bank in Rosedale have been moved to the second story.

Thousands of head of cattle are standing on the levee and many unfortunate refugees sleep there, with no covering to protect them from the water-soaked winds of the night. Back of Rosedale and throughout the lower and middle delta country everything is under water. In many villages communication with the outside world has been cut off for several days. The threatened rise at Cairo is now a certainty. The Mississippi above the Cairo and Cumberland and Tennessee rivers will send a great flood into the already flooded St. Francis, and from Cairo to Memphis it is feared the deluge will mark a high water figure without precedent.

At Memphis the river is falling to night. The relief committee in Memphis is in receipt of information that there are some 15 or 20 white people, principally women and children, in great distress at a point near St. Claire Landing, 15 miles up the river. They are located in houses the lower floors of which are overtopped, and they have no food and no means of obtaining it. Arrangements were made to send supplies.

THE MISSOURI.

Omaha, Neb., April 2.--A Bee special from Woomsocket, South Dakota, says: This town, although eight miles from running water, is inundated by the overflow of the Big Sandy. The water is dammed up in the river by ice gorges and is flowing over the prairie, doing much damage to farm property. Many houses in the town supposed to be on high ground, have been abandoned. At Pierre the Missouri river is falling, but a gorge is reported above town.

Yankton reports another two feet rise in the James. The Great Northern tracks from Yankton to Sioux Falls are under water two feet deep. Vermillion reports the Vermillion and Missouri rivers as rising rapidly.

RIVERS OVERFLOW.

St. Louis, April 2.--The heavy rains of the past two days are having an effect upon streams tributary to the Mississippi and Missouri rivers. As a result they are pouring torrents into these mighty waterways and flooding the lowlands through which they flow, causing considerable damage, but as far as known no casualties.

Weather Observer Frankenkfield today warned people on his side of the river and in East St. Louis, whose places were in danger of being flooded, that the danger line will be reached within the next 48 hours. Additional warnings were also sent to Clarksville, Canton, La Grange and Louisville, Mo., and Quincy and Grafton, Ill.

WELLS A WINNER.

San Francisco, April 2.--Three straight victories for Charles S. Wells was the result of his match race with Walter Foster at the indoor tournament tonight, for a purse of \$400. The distances were one, two and five miles. All three races were won by less than three feet. The time for the events was 2:10 2-5 for mile, 4:45 4-5 for two miles and 11:14 for five miles. All races were paced.

BRADSTREET'S REPORT.

New York, April 2.--Bradstreet's report tomorrow will say: The course of general trade shows some improvement, notwithstanding an almost complete stoppage of business in the south Mississippi valley by washouts, overflows and floods. The interest in lumber and shingles has increased on the Northwest Pacific coast.

The most favorable trade reports are received from the Northwest spring wheat states.

COMPETING PUGILISTS.

Denver, April 2.--J. J. Corbett acted as referee for a twenty-round contest between Parker and Robertson for the lightweight championship of Colorado, at the Coliseum hall, tonight. Parker won in the 12th round. Corbett and McVoy gave an exhibition. Fitzsimmons and Hickey gave a sparring exhibition at the Lyceum theater.

THE MARKETS.

San Francisco, April 2.--Hops--9c and 12 1/2c. New York, April 2.--Hops--8c. London, April 2.--Hops--4 1/2s. Portland, April 2.--Wheat--Valley, 79; Walla Walla, 77 and 78c. Liverpool, April 2.--Wheat--Spot dull; No. 3 red Northern spring, 6s 3/4; No. 2 red Western winter, no stocks.

THE CHURCH'S APPEAL.

Canea, April 2.--The Bishop of Canea has sent a message of fervent appeal to the Christian people of Europe, imploring them to compel their governments to stop bombarding and to cease opposition to the unanimous desire of the Cretans to escape tyranny by a union with Greece.

FOR BEET SUGAR.

Portland, Or., April 2.--At the meeting of the manufacturers' association tonight a resolution was adopted requesting the Oregon delegation in congress to secure the abrogation of the treaty with Hawaii permitting the free entry of raw sugar, which is identical to the best sugar in the country.

OSBORNE RESIGNS.

Washington, April 2.--General W. M. Osborne, of Boston, recently appointed consul general to London, tonight resigned the secretaryship of the republican national committee. Senator Hanna appointed Major Charles Dick, of Akron, Ohio, to fill the vacancy.

REVIEW OF TRADE.

New York, April 2.--R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade tomorrow will say: The markets are still waiting, some sagging downward and others recovering. The vote of the house in favor of a new tariff bill has made no impression in business.

HEAVY WOOL SALES.

Boston, April 2.--The Commercial Bulletin will say tomorrow of the wool market: Another booming week is recorded. The features are large sales of scoured wool, more than a million pounds having been sold this week.

CARNEGIE STEEL CO. SUED.

Pittsburg, April 2.--The Harvey Steel Co., of Newark, has begun suit for infringement of a patent known as the Harvey process. The amount involved will run into the thousands.

THE DEATH LIST.

New York, April 2.--Geo. Steck, the founder of the piano firm bearing his name, is dead, aged 63 years. General Charles A. Carlton, who rose from the ranks to a brigadier general's stars in the civil war, has died aged 62 years.

WAGES GO UP.

Ironwood, Mich., April 2.--The Metropolitan Iron and Land Co. has announced an increase of 10 per cent in wages. The increase affects 1000 men.

THEY ELOPE.

Alanta, April 2.--The seventeen-year old son of Governor Atkinson and Miss Ada Bryan Byrd eloped this morning.

MELVILLE NOTES.

Melville, Oregon, March 30.--(Editor Astorian).--The Melville Library Society opened its doors for active work on the 27th inst. A good crowd attended the organization meeting and the following officers were chosen for the ensuing quarter: Mr. C. Russell, president; Allen Anderson, secretary; Mary Hartill, vice president; Sarah Harder, treasurer; and Perry Olsen, marshal.

The following question will be debated on April 10: Resolved, That the works of art are more pleasing to the eye than the scenes of nature." A general interest is manifested and we hope for success.

SLEDGE HAMMER.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that all quarterly licenses are now due and payable to the Chief of Police at his office, and if not paid within ten days from date of this notice, a penalty of 25 per cent additional will be charged.

H. E. NELSON, Auditor and Police Judge. Astoria, Or., April 1, 1897.

Try to be satisfied to commence on a small scale.

FOREST RESERVE QUESTION NOW

Demands the Attention of the President and Congress in a New Light.

ARMY APPOINTMENTS MADE

Major General Thomas H. Ruger on the Retired List and Colonel Shafter Promoted--Other Capital News.

Washington, April 2.--The cabinet today discussed the forest reserve question fully. It was decided to summon a national forestry commission to Washington to talk over their work with the president. The sentiment among the members was unanimous that President Cleveland's proclamation was too comprehensive. The president announced his purpose to act on conservative lines and not to act without information. As at present determined the proclamation will be revoked, but the provisions adjusted by the presidential order as to specific tracts surveys are being pushed forward as rapidly as possible.

Secretary Alger today issued an order placing Major General Thomas H. Ruger, commanding the Department of the East, on the retired list, on account of age. Colonel Shafter, of San Francisco, will succeed to the vacant brigadier generalship to be caused by the promotion of General Wheaton. It is understood when Wheaton retires General Ota, now at Vancouver Barracks, will be transferred to Denver.

Secretary Long is authority for the statement that the offers for the flagship Philadelphia to proceed to Honolulu have no significance. It is said at the state department that the movement has not been requested by it, as would have been the case had the threatened trouble between the Japanese and Hawaiian government entered into the calculations of the navy department. The Philadelphia is to relieve the Marion, which relieved the Alert. The reason for the change is said to be the belief by the secretary of the navy that from the importance of Honolulu, commercially and otherwise, the United States should have a ship of a higher class than the Marion stationed there.

BANKING AND CURRENCY.

Washington, April 2.--Eleven of the members of the executive committee appointed by the Indianapolis monetary convention, who have been in the city for several days, have decided to establish their headquarters here in an endeavor to procure in congress such legislation at this session as will empower the president to appoint a committee to propose plans for the revision of the banking and currency laws before the regular session of congress convenes in December. Their headquarters probably will be in charge of Secretary Hanna, of Indianapolis.

THE PHILIPPINES.

Washington, April 2.--The Spanish legation has received official dispatches from Madrid, under date of April 1, announcing the most decisive engagement in the Philippine islands since the insurrection began. The officials at the legation are highly gratified at the result and state that it amounts to the practical close of the conflict on the islands.

THE PRESIDENT ENTERTAINS.

Washington, April 2.--President McKinley gave a dinner of twenty covers at the White House tonight, the guests including the present and past members of the ways and means committee of the house, now in congressional life, and a few others.

BELLAMY STORER APPOINTED.

Washington, April 2.--The report is again revived that President McKinley will appoint Congressman Bellamy Storer assistant secretary of state.

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