

CITY COUNCIL HOLD SESSION

All Street Improvements Laid Over Until Spring.

The Councilmen Wrestle With the Water and the Dumping Ground Questions and Find a Big Snag in Each of Them.

A regular meeting of the City Council was held on Monday evening, all members being present but Councilman Bartels.

The minutes were read and after a few minor corrections had been made, the same were approved.

Petitions for a sewer in the McFarland addition to Cottage Grove was referred to the Sewer committee.

The application for permission to build an addition to his wood shed on his property on Main street, by Mr. Awhrey was granted.

A petition was presented by A. L. Woodard on behalf of the citizens living along Front street praying that the street from the depot north to the city limits be graded was referred back to the petitioners for correction as it did not comply with the requirements of the council in such cases and could not be acted upon at present.

The report of the Recorder showed that the collections from fines, etc. during the month of September was \$49.50.

The city treasurer filed his report of the collection of water fund for the month of September showing a balance on hand of \$886.72. Councilman Comer chairman, made a verbal report of the investigation made by the water committee of the condition of the water supply of the city. His report tallied with the account given elsewhere. Their work was endorsed by the council.

Ordinance No. 186, relating to the improvement of River street failed to pass and is laid over indefinitely. Ordinance No. 187, regarding the improvement of Third street was read for the third time and passed. There was only one bid for doing the work which was rejected.

The dumping ground question was again brought up, but the street committee reporting that they had not yet succeeded in securing grounds, no action was taken.

The bid of H. H. Gray for hauling gravel for the improvement of the alleys north and south of Main streets was accepted, the price being 55 cents a yard.

The Recorder was instructed to notify the Southern Pacific Railroad company to remove their fences along the line inside the city limits.

The ordinance regarding the proposed sewer along the Lurch property being defective, no action was taken except to refer the ordinance back for correction.

Engineer Taylor made a verbal report on the work of laying the sewer on Fifth street which is completed and the same was accepted, and a warrant ordered drawn in favor of contractor for balance due him. Mr. Taylor was employed to make estimate and apportion the expense of laying the sewer, to the property owner along the route and also to draft ordinance regarding the same.

The Street committee was empowered to sell the black iron pipe

belonging to the city and not now in use, for ten cents a foot, an offer having been made for the same.

The usual grist of bills being read and acted upon the council adjourned.

A Criminal Attack

On an inoffensive citizen is frequently made in that apparently useless little tube called the "appendix." It is generally the result of protracted constipation, following liver torpor. Dr. King's New Life Pills regulate the liver, prevent appendicitis, and establish regular habits of the bowels. 25¢ at Benson's Pharmacy.

HIGH SCHOOL TO ROSTRUM

Superintendent Ackerman's Plan of Meeting the Demand for Teachers

Superintendent of Public Instruction J. H. Ackerman is preparing an outline for one year's normal instruction for high schools in cities of the first class. This will apply to all high schools having a four-year course. The draft of the special course will be submitted to the State Board of Education and if adopted will be put into force this year. This move is made for securing better teachers and more of them. The plan is to make pedagogy one of the subjects of the senior year in high school, this subject to be optional the same as Latin and German in that year.

A recent investigation in the state of Nebraska shows that out of 2000 graduates of high schools, 900 engaged immediately in teaching, while 600 went to college and 800 engaged in various occupations. Superintendent Ackerman believes that about the same proportions prevail in this state and that it is important that those young people who go direct from the high school to the teacher's rostrum should have some special training for the work. More than that, he believes that if special instructions were provided, a large proportion of the young people would take up teaching as a profession and that thus the problem of securing teachers would be partly solved.

The Normal instruction will run through the entire senior year, and will occupy the time of one subject. At the same time this instruction will not interfere with the regular work of the high school. A number of other states give some normal instruction in high schools and find the results highly satisfactory.

Important to Cruisers.

I want every reputable cruiser in Southern Oregon to send me his name and address, upon receipt of which I will send him information of vital interest to himself and his business. Address H. G. Wolf, Roseburg, Or. 31-41

TELEGRAPHERS LOSE OUT

President Small Tells Them, However, to Get Ready to Strike Again.

Chicago, October 4.—President Small, in his speech to the striking telegraph operators today, appeared to forecast the end of the strike. He told the strikers that he believed the strike would be at an end inside of ten days, but warned them to be prepared to accept whatever they would have to return to work without obtaining any concessions whatever. He urged them, however, if they returned to work under the stigma of defeat to prepare themselves for another strike within a year.

This speech and other indications very apparent today indicate that the strike is lost. Many of the best men are growing impatient over the deadlock and threaten to return to work unless something decisive is done this week.

THE STROKE IS A PARALYTIC ONE

Manager Iowa Lumber & Box Co., Medford, Which Proposed Large Operations, Announces Indefinite Postponement—Conditions Not a Very Cheerful Prospect.

Medford, Ore., Sept. 28.—As a result of the proposed advance in the Eastern rail rate on lumber, the Iowa Lumber & Box Company's plans for an immense lumber plant here will be abandoned, the Pacific & Eastern will probably not be extended to the Botte Creek forests and the large timber tracts adjacent to the Rogue River Valley be left uncut for many years. This proposed rate will affect every lumber industry in Southern Oregon, as well as in Oregon in general, and indirectly every business in the country.

MANAGER HAER'S STATEMENT.

Edgar Haer, of the Iowa Lumber & Box Company, stated today:

"It was our intention to make extensive improvements, including the building of a modern sawmill with a capacity of 150,000 feet per day and a new box factory with a capacity of 75,000 feet per day. These improvements alone would cost \$250,000 but, with the proposed Eastern rates staring us in the face, we certainly shall do nothing, and the only fact we regret is the large amount of capital which we are compelled to allow to lay dormant under existing conditions.

"You ask me why the Pacific & Eastern is not being built as contemplated, and whether the failure of the Oregon Trust and Savings bank will have any permanent effect on its extension. As to this question I cannot answer, but do know as long as there is no lumber company contemplating the opening up of the Rogue River and Botte Creek timber to assure the railroad tonnage, it would be folly on their part to make any further extensions without the assurance or guarantee of a tonnage which would warrant a reasonable rate of interest on the investment.

MILLS ARE SHUT DOWN.

"The mills in Southern Oregon and the Willamette Valley are compelled to find a market in the East as they cannot get into San Francisco and buy points on the present rate of \$5 per ton, which is equivalent to \$8.33 per 1,000 feet and compete with the water rate, which is \$4.25 per 1,000 feet from Portland, the Columbia River and Washington points.

"The advance in the Eastern freight rate of 10 cents per hundred pounds makes it impossible for the lumbermen of Southern Oregon to compete with the lumber manufactured in the Southern States, known as yellow pine.

WHAT ADVANCE MEANS.

"In order to demonstrate the conditions let us take a mill manufacturing lumber in Southern Oregon or anywhere in Western Oregon for that matter and see what the advanced rate means. The rate to Omaha is now 50 cents per hundred pounds, against a rate of 23 cents per hundred pounds from Southern mills, and it will be advanced November 1 to 55 cents.

"Basing a mill cut of lumber at a reasonable value of \$15 per 1,000 feet, f. o. b. cars, and adding the 55 cent rate, which amounts to \$18.33, makes the lumber cost \$33.33 in Omaha. The present value of stumpage is about \$1 per 1,000 feet, against the present value of southern yellow pine stumpage,

which is about \$4. Therefore, the cut of Southern yellow pine lumber would be worth \$3 per 1,000 more, or about \$18 per 1,000 f. o. b. cars mill. Figuring their freight rate of 23 cents to Omaha, which amounts to \$7.66, would make the value of southern lumber f. o. b. cars Omaha \$25.66, against ours of \$33.33, which shows conclusively that it is out of the question for a Southern Oregon mill to compete with them even if the cost of stumpage and the sawmill manufacture was thrown in, as you can see for yourselves the fabulous profits which can be made by the Southern yellow pine mills above the basis of \$18 at their mills.

"Now we will take up the Chicago rate. Our rate is now 50 cents, which will be advanced to 60 cents on November 1, against the Southern yellow pine rate of 25 cents. This makes a difference of \$8.66 per 1,000 feet, taking the basis of price f. o. b. mills, which is even greater than the Omaha advance.

"Coming closer home, let us look at the Denver and Colorado points, which has been 40 cents per hundred pounds, against the rate from the South, which is 34 cents. The railroad is not content with tading from the Oregon lumber mills, the Central States market, but has swooped down upon the Coast mills even in Colorado, where they propose to raise the rate November 1 to 50 cents per 100 pounds, which is 50 per cent greater than the Southern yellow pine mill rate.

WHY RATES ARE RAISED.

"These are the actual conditions which confront the lumbermen of Southern Oregon, as well as Oregon in general, and it is certainly not a very cheering prospect. If the railroads had been bankrupt, or the net earnings had been too small to give a fair rate of interest on their investment, there might be some excuse for the advance. You say, then, why is the rate raised? I do not know, but candidly think that the real reason for the advance is either the desire on the part of the railroad to buy its structural material at its own price by eliminating competition, or it may be regarded as the easiest means to get rid of a surplus of business, which would require considerably more rolling stock than they care to equip their lines with at its time. As a quick and ready plan for destroying the prosperity of the lumbermen, the intended advance rate, however, will certainly do the business.

SPELLS RUIN OF INDUSTRY.

"The effect upon the country by this cold-blooded and coolly calculated plan of the railroads to curtail the output of the greatest industry of the Pacific Coast will bring not only dire ruin to the lumbermen, but will throw thousands of men out of employment, and its ruinous effects cannot but affect every business man, large or small, in the state. Eighty per cent of the cost of lumber represents labor. These are the conditions which confront the people of Oregon today. It almost looks like a farce to spend thousands of dollars advertising Oregon in the East as a country of great resources when the first thing

that greets the new arrival is to find that millions of dollars in investments are lying absolutely idle waiting for the time to come when the railroads will again see fit to allow the state of Oregon to resume its natural business conditions."

Out of Sight

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ATHLETIC LEAGUE

At a Meeting in Eugene of Western Oregon High School Principals.

At a meeting of the several principals of Western Oregon high schools in Eugene Saturday last, the Western Oregon Interscholastic Athletic league was organized with the following officers: Prof. E. T. Marlatt of Salem, president; Prof. Baker of Roseburg, vice president; G. W. Hug of Eugene, secretary; A. M. Sanders of Albany, treasurer. A football schedule was arranged as follows: Salem vs Eugene at Eugene, Nov. 23; Albany vs Eugene at Albany, Nov. 16; Salem vs Albany, at Salem, Oct. 26.

All games outside of the league will be arranged by the different managers, games to count in the championship. If other schools enter the league, time for games will be arranged later.

In baseball there will also be two games for each team with one another.

There will be one dual track meet with each school in the league. The championship trophy for each branch of athletics will be a nice silk banner with the following inscribed thereon: "W O I A L Championship."

Hard Times in Kansas

The old days of grasshoppers and drought are almost forgotten in the prosperous Kansas of today, although a citizen of Cordell, Earl Shamburg, has not yet forgotten a hard time he encountered. He says: "I was worn out and discouraged by coughing night and day, and could find no relief till I tried Dr. King's New Discovery. It took less than one bottle to completely cure me." The safest and most reliable cough and cold remedy and lung and throat healer ever discovered. Guaranteed by Benson's Pharmacy, 50 cents and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

A FATAL ACCIDENT

Surveyor-General Daly Falls Down Stairs Breaking his Neck.

Portland, Oct. 4.—John D. Daly, United States surveyor general of Oregon and three times a state senator, fell down stairs in the Selling-Hirsch building this morning at an early hour and broke his neck. He was not found for two hours after the accident. What Daly was doing in the building so early in the morning is not clear, as no one saw him so far as ascertained, but one of the occupants heard some one fall and on investigation several hours later resulted in the finding of Daly's body.

Died in Minneapolis.

Mr. C. Paul Jones received the sad news September 30, of the death of his mother at her home in Minneapolis. She had been ill for some time and Mr. Jones visited her for a month this summer. When he left she was fast improving, with prospects for a complete recovery and he was greatly surprised to hear of her death. Mr. Jones has the sympathy of his many friends in his great loss.

HIGH SCHOOL DEBATING CLUB

Promoters Expect Great Results From It.

The League Was Organized by the State Teachers' Association Which Held a Meeting in Salem Last July—Officers Elected.

Widespread interest is being shown in the newly-formed Oregon High School Debating League. Professor DeCou of the University of Oregon at Eugene, has received many replies to the circular letter sent out a couple of weeks ago, promising hearty co-operation.

The league was organized by the State Teachers' association at the meeting in Salem in July. Principal E. T. Marlatt of the Salem High school was elected president, and Professor E. E. De Cou of the University of Oregon, secretary-treasurer. Besides these the executive committee is composed of State Superintendent Ackerman, President P. L. Campbell of the University, Miss Cornelia Marvin, secretary of the state library commission, Superintendent of Pendleton and County Superintendent William C. Bryant of Moro, Sherman county.

The state will be districted at once so that work on the debates may be started by November 1. Contests will be held between the high schools of each district before February 1 to determine the representative team of the district. Inter-district debates will be held between March 1 and May 1 to choose the best two teams in the state. These will meet at the University of Oregon at a time fixed by the executive committee to determine the championship of the state.

A bulletin will be issued this month at the university giving full information concerning the league.

The subject this year for the inter-district and final debates will be "Proportional Representation." This is considered a question of great moment this year, as it will probably be put before the people of the state at the June election under the initiative law.

Free libraries will be furnished for the debaters by the Oregon library commission and Miss Marvin is preparing lists and bibliographies of these. The only costs to the schools will be the transportation of the libraries and a membership fee of \$3.

The officers have high hopes of success. The league has been tried in other states and has done a great deal of good. It will especially benefit the university, as it will develop material for the university debating teams.

His Dear Old Mother.

"My dear old mother, who is now eighty-three years old, thrives on Electric Bitters," writes W. J. Brunson, of Dublin, Ga. "She has taken them for about two years and enjoys an excellent appetite, feels strong and sleeps well." That's the way Electric Bitters affect the aged, and the same happy results follow in all cases of female weakness and general debility. Weak, puny children too, are greatly strengthened by them. Guaranteed also for stomach, liver and kidney troubles, by Benson's Pharmacy. 50c.

A big delegation from Portland will go to The Dalles to attend both the Fair and the meeting of the Open River Association Wednesday the 9th.