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SUNDAY SA- LOONS OR NOT

Once More an Ordinance Repealing the Sunday Closing Ordinance Before the Council.

At the meeting of the council Tuesday night, adjourned from Monday, after the roll call and minutes were read, an application of John Barker for the transfer of his saloon license from the old room to the bar room in the old Graham hotel was presented and transfer allowed.

An application of O. L. Parsons of Eugene, formerly a bar keeper for Andy Graham, for the opening of a saloon in the Bohemia saloon building was read. The necessary bond was furnished, and was signed by Alf Walker a saloon keeper of Eugene and F. G. Deckerbach, a Salem brewing man. After some little discussion the application was laid on the table.

Ordinance 129, providing for the licensing of all card tables that are kept for hire was read a first time only, being laid on the table.

Ordinance No. 128 being an ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 70 the title of which ordinance is "An ordinance compelling certain business houses to remain closed for the transaction of business on Sunday" and Sec. 13 of Ordinance No. 5 which provides for the kind, amount, provisions and restrictions of the bond regulating the issuance of liquor licenses, was presented and passed its first and second readings. The motion for a third reading was lost. The intention of the ordinance is to throw the burden of keeping certain places of business, and principally saloons closed on Sunday, on the state by taking away from the city any control over them, basing the ordinance on rulings made by some judges that a city has no control over such matters, where the state has a law, supposed to control them.

Ordinance No. 70 is said to have the exact wording of the state ordinance. If these ordinances are repealed, to keep the saloons and other business places closed, it is necessary that the state law be enforced. It is stated that in some towns in the state it is enforced, and in others it is not, and in others the state law is declared inoperative, and that the state has no control, as such powers are given only to the city, and which is a recent ruling of one of the circuit court judges, which would mean that the saloons could do as they pleased, as the state would have no control over them nor could the city, without ordinances control them. After a great deal of fruitless discussion the matter was let stand to the next regular meeting one month from now, at which time it will be up to the council to decide whether they are going to let the saloon men run their saloons without interference, or whether the town, which naturally should control them, will regulate and restrain their Sunday opening.

It was proposed that the street commissioner be hired by the month instead of by the day, which was referred to the street committee for action.

The street committee was empowered to employ a man to haul rock to protect the pipe line at the west end of Wall street at the crossing with Silk Creek.

The installation of a light on

Mill street was referred to the Light committee.

The Light committee was given permission to purchase tools and a locker for same, for the repairs of the streets.

The Finance committee reported favorably on the following bills which were approved.

J. E. Young, salary for month	\$ 8.33
Fingal Hinds, salary as councilman for six months	6.00
W. S. Bennett, services as street commissioner	48.35
Jerome Knox, legal services	15.00
Cottage Grove Electric Co. Electric lights for month	222.99
Griffin & Veatch, pipe and plumbing, connecting houses to new mains	137.46
F. V. Wheeler, care of reservoir	2.00
Wheeler & Owens, lumber for crossings, etc.	69.83
G. B. Pitcher, night watchman	60.00
H. E. Underwood, marshal	60.25
A. B. Wheeler, land description	2.00
J. E. Young, fireman's record	7.25

Two bills were not acted upon. A bill of E. D. Dittler for \$142, for household effects destroyed in a fumigation for sanitary purposes, was deemed excessive as it was hardly thought that such value would be shipped by freight in three gunny sacks. A bill of C. J. Miller for 3 mattresses destroyed at the same time, was held for examination.

Shorter Day Granted to Miners in France.

Paris, Jan. 2.—This was a red letter day for the thousands of men employed in the mines of France, for it marked the inauguration of a workday limit of eight and one half hours in place of the nine-hour limit in operation. The law providing this substitution was enacted some years ago, but only became effective today. The same law provides that after January, 1910, eight hours will constitute a day's work for men employed underground.

McCall Resigns as President.

New York, Jan. 3.—The resignation of John A. McCall, president of the New York Life, was tendered and accepted by the board of directors this afternoon. Orr was elected to succeed McCall at a salary of \$50,000.

Eugene Defeats Electric Light Bond Issue in Special Election.

In a special election held Tuesday the citizens of Eugene voted not to issue bonds for the construction of a municipal lighting plant, and voted for a water plant. At the election in September it was voted to construct and operate both plants by the city, but since that time there has been so much discussion, another election was thought necessary. The vote was as follows:

THE SEPTEMBER ELECTION.

The vote at the September election was as follows:	
For light bonds	504
Against light bonds	163
For water bonds	501
Against water bonds	157

TUESDAY'S ELECTION.

For light bonds	488
Against	539
For water bonds	500
Against	492

FARMERS

INSTITUTE

The Oregon Agricultural College Will Hold an Farmers and Dairymen's Institute Here Feb. 23d.

James Whitecombe of the college has arranged for an institute to be held here Friday, Feb. 23d, which institute will be addressed by men who make these subjects their study and profession. A local programme will be arranged by the committee consisting of Messrs. F. D. Phillips, J. I. Jones and Oliver Veatch. There will be three sessions, in the morning, afternoon and evening, each of which are supposed to be largely attended for the institute will mean much and so much good to the farming and dairying interests this section.

The state college has been holding such institutes all over the state for the bettering of conditions and a great deal of good has been received through them. It is urged upon every farmer and every dairymen that he reserve this day, Feb. 23d, for the purpose of attending this convention, and bring his boys and girls down that they may learn too. Don't forget the date.

Springfield's First Bank

Eugene, Ore., Jan. 3.—The First Bank of Springfield, with \$20,000 capital, began business at Springfield yesterday. Henry W. Stewart and E. B. Kepner, of that place are owners. The institution occupies its own building and has bright prospects, as Springfield is rapidly growing and now has a population of nearly 7000. The need of a bank there has long been apparent.

Report of County Poor Farm.

Following is the report of the Lane county poor farm from January 4th, 1905 to January 3rd, 1906: Number received during year, 24; Number discharged, 7; Number deaths, 2; Number in home at present, 15; The present inmates are as follows:

- J. Brown, aged 68, total paralysis.
- Jno. Warren, aged 81, deafness and rheumatism.
- Thos. Smith, aged 63, partial blindness.
- S. Striker, aged 72, dementia.
- Susan Freese, aged 49, dementia.
- Freesechild, aged 10, dementia.
- James Sheppard, aged 60, deafness and paralysis.
- Mrs. aged 58, injury to hip.
- C. N. Powely, aged 87, old age.
- James Lambert, aged 56, asthma.
- H. N. Carter, aged 55, rheumatism.
- Sarah Snow, aged 63, injury to leg.
- A. Yeat, aged 71, deafness and rheumatism.
- Mat Stuller, aged 62, dementia.
- F. M. Miller, aged 27, injury to leg.
- Mrs. M. E. Russell, Supt. —Guard.

Forest Grove Will Have New Trolley Line.

Forest Grove, Or., Jan. 4.—At a meeting of the city council held Tuesday evening a franchise was granted the Forest Grove Transportation Company to build and operate a street railway from the Southern Pacific depot to the business and residence part of the city. The franchise has been given for 25 years. Work is to begin in 90 days and the line must be in full operation after eight months' from the enactment of the ordinance granting a franchise. The railway is to be a single track, standard gauge, and built of not less than 35-pound steel rails. The cars are to be of approved construction and modern conveniences for the comfort of passengers. The franchise also provides for the carrying of freight, express and United States mail. Cars are to meet all trains and passengers fare is to be not less than 5 cents. The motor power will be electricity with the overhead trolley system. A limit speed of 12 miles has been decided upon. The Forest Grove Transportation Company is composed of local capitalists, of whom Senator E. W. Haines is probably the most prom-

inent. The company is to incorporate in a few days.—Journal.

Counties to Pay Oregon \$625,000.

Salem, Jan. 3.—The State Tax Board, composed of the Governor, secretary and state treasurer, made the annual levy and apportioned the state tax to be paid by each county for the support of the state.

The total amount required for the ordinary expenses for the two years beginning January 1, 1905, is \$1,047,69. The total expense which the state will be subjected for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1906, is placed at \$877,518.15; receipts from miscellaneous sources at \$8,774,18.15; and the total revenue for state purposes apportioned among the counties for the year 1906, \$200,000. The tax of each county is as follows:

Baker	\$ 14,625.00
Benton	12,625.00
Clatsop	20,937.50
Clatsop	13,250.00
Columbia	6,625.00
Cook	12,687.50
Crook	8,125.00
Curry	2,500.00
Douglas	21,462.50
Gilliam	5,437.50
Grant	5,570.00
Harney	10,000.00
Jackson	19,625.00
Josephine	5,625.00
Klamath	7,187.50
Lake	6,687.50
Lane	28,875.00
Lincoln	3,437.50
Linn	32,875.00
Malheur	5,875.00
Marion	38,312.50
Morrow	5,937.50
Multnomah	195,187.50
Polk	19,187.50
Sherman	5,437.50
Tillamook	5,437.50
Tillamook	30,625.00
Union	13,037.50
Wallowa	4,562.00
Wasco	14,925.00
Washington	19,812.50
Wheeler	4,187.50
Yamhill	24,437.50

Total \$625,000.00

Among the chief items in the list of expenditures are \$150,000 for public buildings, \$41,000 for the State Board of Agriculture, \$52,500 for the State University, \$222,000 for the insane asylum, \$30,000 for fisheries, \$66,000 for the state prison, \$45,000 for the national guard.—Telegram.

Will Not Stop Discrimination.

"It does not follow," so says the Milwaukee Sentinel, "that the federal Government must assume and exercise the rate-making power in order to secure justice, nor is it certain that even if it should adopt that plan it would be successful. It would be as easy to grant a secret rebate on a rate fixed by the Interstate Commerce Commission as on one established by the carrier itself. The greatest evil in the transportation business is discrimination of one kind or another. Government rate-making will not do away with discrimination. Let Congress pass a law granting to the Interstate Commerce Commission the power to make rates and put them in force at once and the problem of preventing discriminations would still be unsolved.

"This, the Sentinel believes, is the real question Congress should undertake to answer: How are discriminations to be abolished? The Interstate Commerce Commission is now engaged in examining into the practices of private refrigerator car companies. It assumes that it has the right to make such inquiries in face of the demurrer filed by the private car line officers, who contend that they are not engaged in interstate commerce.

"The Interstate Commerce Commission has formally expressed the opinion that the practices adopted by the terminal companies' branches of large manufacturing corporations and organized primarily for the purpose of securing rebates under cover of a joint rate arrangement, are in direct violation of the anti-rebate law. The thing to do then is to enforce the law."

Samuel Roome, chairman of the Y. M. C. A. canvassing committee of Eugene has reported that 250 names have been secured for membership, and that the next move to be taken will be the securing of proper quarters.

CLUB HOUSE

PROPOSED

Commercial Club Members are Talking Over Advisability of Building a Club House.

At the regular monthly meeting of the club on Monday night seven new members were admitted and the special rates for admission were declared closed. The seven new members admitted were J. S. Benson, C. E. Stewart, Oliver Veatch, James Porter, Alberton Woods, Thos. Wheeler and J. W. Elledge, which makes a total of 25 new members which have recently been added to the club membership.

The official call of the Denver Chamber of Commerce to a meeting of all clubs interested in beet sugar manufacture, and for the protection of the present tariff on sugar, was read, and on account of the fact that the local club has no direct interest in the matter and it was laid on the table.

A letter from J. Whytecombe of the Oregon Agricultural College stating that an arrangement could be made to hold a Dairymen's and Farmers' Institute here on Feb. 23rd was read to the club and received with enthusiasm. Numerous speeches were made by the club members, all of whom were very anxious to see the meeting arranged, and a committee was appointed of F. B. Phillips, J. I. Jones and Oliver Veatch to make definite arrangements for the meeting, prepare a program, and to interest every farmer in the country to be present at that time. J. I. Jones donated the use of the hall for that occasion.

The regular monthly bills and several minor bills were ordered paid.

Mr. C. P. Jones brought before the club a matter which he thought was of interest to the club, in that it should improve its rooms, in fixing up a little more, in adding a kitchen, dishes, etc. so as to provide for the semi-monthly social evenings, etc. He also remarked that the trustees had been talking over plans, and that probably Mr. Campbell could state them better.

Mr. Campbell stated that the trustees had been considering the fact that the present arrangement for the club rooms was not exactly the best, that some concern was felt for the safety of the club, when a large number congregated in the hall on account of the instability and strength of the building, and that better quarters were necessary.

He stated that the club could borrow money to buy land, erect a suitable building, giving room for reception, writing, reading, card, office, billiard, and assembly rooms, besides bowling alley and possibly some rooms for bachelor apartments, and fit them up for a sum, the interest on which would not be as much as the present rent. Also that if the club could make such an arrangement it would be able to get many more members, and could probably have a membership of 100 at least, and would have a place suitable for all conditions.

A great deal of talk and discussion over the matter was had, the majority seeming to think that the time was not ripe for such a movement but all agreeing that it was

best to secure safer quarters, and to get if possible cheaper rent. Mr. J. I. Jones offered the use of his hall for \$20 per month. A motion was finally passed that the club seek other rooms immediately and the trustees were left to make such a change.

A committee of three Messrs. Lurch, Wheeler and Jordan were appointed to meet the next morning to see the Woodmen and see if some arrangement could not be made with them for the use of Jones Hall for the social evening of the club for Friday night, in order that no one might feel any fear, nor be kept from attending that event on account of the unsafety of the building.

It seems as though it might have been wiser for the club to have kept its present rooms for a time if it could have done so at a reasonable rate, and hired a hall for its social evenings, awaiting a time when the club could do something better.

It would be a great advertisement for the progressiveness of the town, if a Club House could be built by the club, and certainly many members would be glad that are not now interested.

Man who Coerced an Employee to For-Swear Union Ordered Discharged.

New York, Jan. 3.—In the appellate division of the Supreme Court yesterday a decision was rendered in the case of Harry Marcus, convicted on a charge of coercing Hyman Shindbaum to enter into a written agreement with H. Marcus Shirt Company not to become a member of any labor organization as a condition of securing employment with that concern. The judgment of conviction is reversed and the defendant ordered discharged.

The court holds that the section of the penal code which forbids the making of contracts of the kind described, declaring such act a misdemeanor, is unconstitutional.

"It is the duty of the state and the Nation," says the opinion, "to protect every citizen in the exercise of his constitutional rights and so long as the state and Nation last, inability or unwillingness to perform that duty may not be assigned as a justification for a law making the exercise of one's constitutional rights a crime."

Rockefeller is Buying up Rare Egyptian Relics.

London, Jan. 4.—The authorities at the British museum are about to make a special effort to interest the government in the purchase by the public of valuable Egyptian relics. This action is due to information that John D. Rockefeller has commissioned a well known American Egyptologist to survey the whole Sudan and placed practically unlimited finances at his disposal to pick up anything he can, worth buying.

The most famous Egyptologist in England, in the course of an interview, said that he sincerely trusted the government would take some decided steps to deal with the habit of American millionaires in presenting their native towns with Egyptian antiquities, for, with their wealth Americans seemed able to snap up everything precious in connection with Egypt's past.

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