

City Council Proceedings

the city council met Tuesday evening, with all the members present except Councilmen E. H. Lorence.

After reading and approving the minutes of the last meeting claims were examined and ordered to be paid as follows from the general fund:

Graham & Son, draying and freight advanced \$	46.02
Murdock & White, constructing street crossings, removing tower	43.50
Winegar & Lorence, for water works supplies and fixtures	22.85
G. W. Sullivan, bal. sal.	19.58
C. G. Griffla, labor, pipe fixtures	43.25
D. E. Stitt, collecting water rent and recorder's fee	11.45
Ben Pollan, for hauling gravel	5.40
J. A. Sturkin, salary for part of Feb.	30.42
S. O. Work, labor	.50
J. E. Winegar, treas. sal. for 1912	18.00
Fairbanks, Morse & Co., packing	1.62
Total	\$242.59

The city recorder then reported that the request of the council to C. G. Griffla had been delivered and that Mr. Griffla had instruction from J. Keating to fill holes in repairing pipes.

Marshal's bond was then submitted and approved.

Superintendent Sturkin reported that he had moved the city's motor from the south well and had same installed at the north well according to council's instructions.

Mayor Powell reported that the Oregon Power Company had loaned the city a motor with which to test the new well.

By the consent of the council Graham & Son were authorized to remove the wooden pipe from the station grounds.

A motion then prevailed to accept S. U. Guin's offer to construct the railroad crossing at the creamery—Mr. Guin to furnish a man and team free, and the city to furnish a man to labor and tiling for the crossing.

A motion prevailed to give the refuse of the south well to C. G. Griffla, who offered to have it removed for it.

The proposition to vacate Jackson street for one-half block East from Warren street for depot purposes was brought before the council but left for the initiative to come from parties outside the council.

The meeting then adjourned. Will convene again next Tuesday evening.

Vancouver Team Beaten by Co. G of Dallas.

By a score of 27 to 17 the Dallas Company G. basket ball team on Saturday night demonstrated their superior skill over the Vancouver, Washington, athletes on the home floor. The audience was not of the usual size but enthusiasm was of the warm sort. The Dallas team was never in danger, and toyed with the Washington boys at every stage of the game. Center Shaw retired from the game when it was half finished, giving Hiestand a chance to show his ability when pitted against fast players, and the boy showed that he will soon be able to cope with the best of centers.

Some rapid passes were made by both teams, the visitors however, lacking materially in systematic work. Morton, Ballantyne and Gates distinguished themselves with some wonderful

foot-work and drives for the basket. Ballantyne did not do his usual work for the foul line but made up this deficiency by fast floor work. Twenty-minute periods rather confused the audience who did not understand the new arrangement, time having been called five times during the game.—Observer.

Report of Polk County Spelling Contest Held Jan. 31, 1913

Class "A" (Schools of more than 5 teachers.)

Fourth Grade—First place, Dallas 98.27; second, Falls City 97.1; third, Monmouth 97.

Fifth Grade—First place, Monmouth 98.6; second, Falls City 97.6; third, Independence 97.2.

Sixth Grade—First place, Monmouth 97.8; second, Falls City 97.4; third, Dallas 97.

Seventh Grade—First place, Falls City 98.5; second, Independence 93.3; third, Dallas 91.3.

Eighth Grade—First place, Dallas 96.6; second, Falls City 94.6; third, Monmouth 88.

Class "B" (Schools of two to five teachers.)

Fourth Grade—First place, Rickreall 99.6; second, Bethel 99.3; third, Mountain View 99.

Fifth Grade—First place, West Salem 99.4; second, Rickreall 98.3; third, Perrydale 97.7.

Sixth Grade—First place, Rickreall 100; second, Buena Vista 97.6; third, Ballston 96. Perrydale 96.

Seventh Grade—First place, Rickreall 96.5; second, Bethel 95.5; third, Perrydale 94.8.

Eighth Grade—First place, Rickreall 96; second, Black Rock 94.5; third, West Salem 93.5.

Class "C" (Schools of one room.)

Fourth Grade—First place, Red Prairie, Fairview, McCoy 100; second, Bridgeport 99; third, Pioneer, Highland 98.

Fifth Grade—First place, Red Prairie, Oak Point, Crowley, Lone Star, McCoy 100; second, Mistletoe 98; third, Montgomery 97.6.

Sixth Grade—First place, Fairview, Montgomery, Suver, McTimmonds, Lone Star, McCoy, Pioneer, Mistletoe 100; second, Cochren 98; third, Crowley 97.5.

Seventh Grade—First place, Fairview, Buell, Harmony, Lone Star, McCoy 100; second, Red Prairie 99; third, Smithfield 98.25.

Eighth Grade—First place, Fairview, McCoy, Lone Star 100; second, Buell 99; third, Oakhurst 97.

Schools making the highest average for all grades.

Class A—Falls City 97; class B—Rickreall 98.1; class C—Fairview, Lone Star, McCoy 100.

The following schools made 95 or more in the following grades:

Fourth Grade—Perrydale, West Salem, Buena Vista, North Dallas, Black Rock, Smithfield, Parker, Oak Grove, Ward, Oak Point, Lincoln, McTimmonds, Mistletoe.

Fifth Grade—Dallas, Ballston, Buena Vista, Mountain View, Black Rock, Bridgeport, Greenwood, Oakdale, Oakhurst, Hopville, Fern.

Sixth Grade—West Salem, Ward, Elkins.

Seventh Grade—Butler, Montgomery, Crowley, Pioneer, Oakhurst, Hopville.

Eighth Grade—Crowley.

The interest is still keen in the spelling contest work and this month's results are very satisfactory. It will be noticed by the above report that many schools have reached above the 95 per cent.

All schools were entered this month and all children took part. The next test will be held March 7th.

H. C. SEYMOUR, Supt.

Children of Royalty Seen In Happy Boyhood Playtime



Photos by American Press Association.

THESE interesting children of royalty can play as freely and boyishly as though they lived in a hovel and not a palace. The czarévitch, shown at top, is seen playing in the snow with his shovel. One can hardly think of the heir to the throne of Russia going about from door to door saying, "Please, mister, don't cha want yer walk shoveled?" But it's good to see he gets a chance at play anyway. Since his recent mysterious illness, however, he has been closely guarded even at playtime. The other two kids on the sled are Louis Ferdinand and Wilhelm, children of the crown prince of Germany. One of them may some day be emperor. They are having the time of their lives in the shadow of the palace at Berlin.

Communicated

MR. EDITOR:

I wish to narrate through your most valuable paper that the horseshoe pitching season is now open to all comers and goers, and that the following officers have been elected for the ensuing year, to-wit: Mr. Ackerman, president; Prof. J. B. V. Butler, secretary; Prof. Ostein, treasurer; Prof. Beaumont, to set up pins and bring back horseshoes; Joseph Craven, score keeper.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Pitching commences each day at 4 o'clock p. m. sharp, except Sundays.

Parties wishing to join the club will call on the treasurer and deposit 25 cents to purchase the required paraphernalia. Quoits is meant by the word paraphernalia.

A ringer counts five and a leaner counts two; twenty-one points constitutes a game and no one is permitted to count more than three ringers and three leaners in any one single game.

This instrument is executed by the retiring

HIGH MOGUL.

Outwitted the Sharper.

OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 25.—J. G. Spitzer, who arrived in Oakland yesterday from Sterling, N. D., turned the tables on a pair of confidence men and incidentally enriched the city treasury by \$1000 of their real money. Spitzer was greeted on the train by a man who gave his name as Elihu Davis and offered to show the Dakotan the sights of Oakland. On a street corner they came upon a man counting a huge roll of bills.

"Why," exclaimed Davis "if it

ain't Pete McHenry. Playing the races again, Pete?"

McHenry said that was just what he had been doing, and offered to let Davis and Spitzer share with him some inside information. As part of the preliminaries to separate Spitzer from his money, McHenry handed him \$1000 in bills and told him to hurry with it to a poolroom.

Instead, Spitzer turned the money over to a policeman, and McHenry was arrested. Davis got away.

The money was confiscated to the city and McHenry was given 24 hours to leave town.

Entitled to First Prize.

There is at least one man in this vicinity who is entitled to the prize for pure unadulterated cussedness if he will only step forward and ask for it. He slipped out the other night with a sharp knife and cut off clean 125 young prune trees planted by a neighbor.—Newberg Enterprise.

Highest and Lowest Points in the World.

The maximum difference in elevation of land in the United States is 14,777 feet, according to the United States Geological Survey. Mount Whitney, the highest point, is 14,501 feet above sea level, and a point in Death Valley is 276 feet below sea level. These two points, which are both in California, are less than 90 miles apart. This difference is small, however, as compared with the figures for Asia. Mount Everest rises 29,002 feet above sea level whereas the shores of the Dead Sea are 1,290 feet below sea level, a total difference in land heights of 30,292 feet. Mount Everest

has never been climbed.

The greatest ocean depth yet found is 32,088 feet, at a point about 40 miles north of the island of Mindanao, in the Philippine Islands. The ocean bottom at this point is therefore more than 11 1/2 miles below the summit of Mount Everest.

The difference in the land heights in Europe is about 15,868 feet.

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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Anna O. Mulkey-Boatman, deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County, and has qualified.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same duly verified, together with the proper vouchers therefor, to the undersigned administrator at his office in the First National Bank at Monmouth, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

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IRA C. POWELL,

Administrator of the estate of Anna O. Mulkey-Boatman, deceased.
B. F. SWOPE, ATTORNEY. 71

Questions for the Editor.

Oh, tell me, does the setting sun e'er feel a sinking pain? Why is (inform a "Puzzled One") a weathercock so vane? Do stars require a gun to shoot? What makes a bucket pail? What tailor makes the chimney's soot? Who writes the comet's tail?

And why are dogs so lovable, however much they whine? Pray tell me, Mr. Editor, what makes the fir-tree pine?

Why is a vessel's hind part stern? Who sings an old hen's lay? Please, tell me, for I'd like to know, who wears the close of day?

WALTER G. BROWN

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