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ADOPT NEW WATER RATES

Council Passes on Bills and Adopts Water Ordinance

Incidental to the cleaning up of business for the year the retiring council transacted some important business at its adjourned session Tuesday night. They squared up accounts with Hobson & Hoskins and accepted the paving work as far as it is done, paying 80 per cent of the contract price according to the terms of the contract.

They also brought up for passage a water rate ordinance, making new rates to apply on patrons of the city water system. A complete set of flat rates for varying occupations and residences was adopted but possibly the most important change is that of establishing a minimum rate for water service of \$1. The meter rate was not changed but will remain as before with a minimum rate of \$1 for the first two thousand gallons, 50 cents for the next thousand, 25 cents for the next ten thousand and 20 cents for the next 50,000. All above sixty-three thousand gallons to be charged for at the rate of 15 cents per thousand gallons. The following bill were audited and allowed;

General Fund	
Hobson and Hoskins, 538 ft. of plank	\$40.35
Monmouth Lumber Co.	7.75
Hobson & Hoskins, gravel on Knox and Warren Sts.	21.60
Irwin Stewart, laying tile	1.50
S H Hinkle, ditching and laying tile	7.50
G. Bowman, hauling tile	2.50
W. E. Smith, treasurer's salary for 1916	13.00
J. F. McClellan, grading	2.00
W. G. Brown, fees to date	15.65
G. T. Boothby, services as judge of election	2.00
C. G. Griffa, election jdg.	2.00
J. A. Andrus,	2.00
M. W. Jones, clerk	2.00
Water Fund, Fire hydrants rent to Dec. 31, 1916, quarterly payments of \$138.00	828.00
J. F. Moreland, marshal's salary and material furnished for fumigating resident of Ruth Grimes	15.75
Water rent for Ruth Grimes 6 months to Dec. 31, 1916	6.00
B. F. Swope, attorney's fees for 1916	111.50
Winegar & Lorence, supplies	80.83
Oregon Power Co., lights	57.83
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Water Fund	
Winegar & Lorence suppl's	4.35
G. Bowman freight and cartage on manhole covers	53
W. Brown, collecting water rents, December,	10.00
J. Moreland, supt. salary	45.00
General fund, part payment of principal and interest of amount water fund owes general fund	1000.00
W. W. Newman, material for manhole covers	9.70
L. Williams, repairing	1.75
Oregon Power Co.	54.00

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On the road fund to general fund 337.43
A report from Edward J Himes city engineer was read. The engineer found that there was now due the contractors from the Street Improvement fund \$1451.43 and from the General fund \$1577.91 and recommended that 80 per cent be allowed which was accordingly done.

Ordinance number 188 providing for a readjustment of water rates was then introduced, read and passed.

Present were Councilmen Lorence, Ostien and Boothby, Mayor Graham, Recorder Brown, Marshal Moreland, and Engineer Himes.

Parent Teachers Tuesday Night

Prof. E. S. Evenden will be the central attraction at the next meeting of the Parent-Teachers' association which will be held in the high school building next Tuesday evening. Mr. Evenden is a man of original ideas and always has something of interest to say on each topic he discusses. He will speak on "Child Development" at the meeting Tuesday night and the subject is one that is of interest to all parents. There are several other items of interest on the program, among them being an after discussion of moving pictures which came up at the last meeting in 1916. All interested are urged to attend.

The following is the program: Singing by members, led by Miss Hoham. Violin Duet—Gertrude Rogers and Hjalmer Gentle. Farce, one act, "Dr. Bland"—George Walker, Jay Butler and Ellis Fisher. Vocal Solo—Miss Gaynelle Shore. Address—Prof. E. S. Evenden.

J. W. Deakin, father of C. E. Deakin of this city, was buried in Carlton Christmas day. The elder Deakin, although 86 years of age, was as spry as a young man up to the time of his death and was alert mentally. He read the papers constantly and took as much interest in sporting events as many young men. Mr. Deakin had lived in Oregon since 1878 but was born in Washington county, Tenn., 86 years ago the 31st of December. Besides C. E. Deakin he leaves one son, Ed Deakin of Bend, Ore., and a daughter, Mrs. Vail, postmistress of Carlton.

ATTRACTIONS

at the Norm theater during the coming week

Saturday, Jan. 6th, — "The Cheat" with Fanny Ward
Tuesday, Jan. 9th — "Iron Claw" No. 3; "The Columbia River," "News"
Thursday, Jan. 11, "Carmen" with Geraldine Farrar.
Saturday, Jan. 13th—"The Immigrant" with Surratt

MAIN STREET OPEN AGAIN

Traffic to be Soon Resumed on Long Closed Avenue

Contractor Hobson, who has been in this city during the past week straightening up paving affairs to date, announces that Main street will be thrown open to traffic Friday, the day this paper is issued. According to statements of the contractor made previous to the starting of the work, the paving could all have been accomplished within thirty days. Instead the street has been closed to traffic since the first of October and will have to be closed again for the top coat of asphalt with the coming of warm weather in the early summer.

A number of points of difference arose at the council meeting Tuesday night when the subject of extras was introduced by the contractor. Since the contract spoke only of excavation on the street and did not specify the distance to be hauled, Mr. Hobson thought 300 feet should be considered as a proper length of the haul and all in excess of that distance should be charged as over-haul. Councilman Lorence of the street committee did not see it in that light. He had understood that 600 feet was the distance which it was proper for a haul. Mr. Hobson thought he should have extra pay for the work of tearing out the cross walks. Also on the intersections the finer grading had to be done twice. He did not say whether he thought this was the fault of the surveyor or of his own men but he thought the city should pay for the extra time involved.

The street committee, surveyor and contractor met Wednesday morning to thresh over these differences and the contractor agreed to waive claim on the over-haul except on some material hauled in the vicinity of the creamery for which the city agreed to pay. The cross walk work and the extra grading are still undecided as it was not possible to find a point of agreement.

The planking used in the work and for planking the intersections was taken over by the city which pays half the amount of the original cost, in the neighborhood of \$40.

An adjourned session of the city council will be held next Monday night at which the new officers will be sworn in, reports submitted and the final business of the year transacted.

The following from Monmouth have been called for jury service in the January term of court: W. A. Bressler, C. C. Marks; from Independence, J. O. Anderson, J. S. Bohannon, J. J. Fenton, Frank Fluke, M. W. Mix, W. A. Seaman, Asa B. Taylor; from Airlie, S. L. Burk, Lewis Edwards and D. N. Turner.

D. M. Hampton made a flying trip to Portland Saturday.

High School Notes

School resumed work Tuesday after the week of vacation. The attendance did not reach the usual mark until Wednesday.

Donald Portwood, president of the student body, is ill with the measles. Willie and Neta Harvey are also absent because of the same malady.

The students, under the supervision of Mr. Tavenner of the English department, are planning to start a high school weekly, which has never before been tried in this school.

The Biology class made a trip into the fields north of town, for observation purposes, on Wednesday afternoon.

The high school third team met the Independence Boy Scouts basket ball quintet in a game here Wednesday evening. The Independence team won by a score of 14 to 8. The home team was composed of Earl Williams, Andrew Smith, Clay Moreland, Claire Winegar and Wendell Van Loan, all Freshmen.

A. Anderson of Clear Lake, Iowa, is in Monmouth this week visiting with his sister, Miss Helen Anderson, and aunt, Mrs. W. H. Mack. When Mr. Anderson left Iowa it was something like 30 below zero and the change to our balmy air and green grass was quite an abrupt one.

L. V. Macken made an auto trip Wednesday to Silverton where a new saw mill has recently been erected and where 800 men will shortly be put to work on timber that comes from the nearby Cascades. Mr. Macken found the roads good for auto travel.

Mrs. Walker, who was taken to the Dallas hospital last Friday was found to have broken the bone in her thigh. The patient is progressing nicely but the fact that she had a similar break in the other leg three years ago makes the present injury more serious for her.

Mrs. J. O. Andrus and daughter are spending a few weeks with relatives at Newberg and the latter is taking advantage of the vacation to have the measles. The little girl was taken sick on the train on the way to Newberg and broke out the day after her arrival there.

Miss Edna Scott, who is teaching in the high school in Carlton, spent the holidays in Monmouth with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Scott.

New Years in Monmouth was ushered in in the usual way by the ringing of church and fire bells. There were watch night sessions in the Christian and Evangelical churches. However, it was a much dryer New Years than the one of a year ago. Very little liquor was imported for the occasion and the fact that absolute dryness is approaching swiftly appears to be awakening very little apprehension in Monmouth.

GRANGE AND NEW YEARS

Make a Social Combination in I. O. O. F. Hall Monday

The New Year's program and dinner by the Grange brought out a large crowd and made it a day to be remembered in the annals of the local organization. Something like a hundred were present, members and guests, and the women folks brought well filled baskets for the dinner. The guests were given a sprig of Oregon grape, which was pinned to the shoulder, and with each sprig was a slip of paper bearing the name of an apple tree. There were duplicates among the slips and finding which gave the partners to dinner.

When the dinner was disposed of a series of charades were played while the tables were cleared. The program was then announced with Mrs. Ostrom presiding. Because of the measles and for other reasons the program differed a little from that announced in this paper last week.

There was a song by Bruce Rogers and a violin solo by Miss Harvey, a recitation by Herbert Powell and a song by the MacDonald sisters, a reading by Ruth Mills, in which she gave some up-to-the-minute hints as to how to build a chicken yard and keep the chickens in good order. P. O. Powell, responding to a call for a solo announced that he had made a special trip to Dallas to get the music and had imported an accompanist from Corvallis and had then gone from home and forgotten the music. Next year if he were on the program he promised to send down the music a week in advance and thus be sure to be prepared. So he gave a couple of songs he had used before and both were loudly applauded.

E. R. Ostrom gave a reading concerning the experience of a certain ducky with ghosts which was much appreciated. L. P. Gilmore then took the front and invited stories from those present. A number responded to this and as a prize for story telling, Miss McIntosh was given the privilege of telling another.

Falls City has found that its water rates were too low and recently the council of that city decided on a decided raise all along the line. At the time the system was put in \$30,000 in bonds were sold and the revenue was insufficient to care for the interest and sinking fund and the city faced a levy of 22 mills for the coming year. Therefore the raise in the rates, the people of the city making up their minds that it was better to make the users pay for the water than to take it from the city as a whole.

Allen Clark has disposed of the grocery business, which he has conducted in this city for the past three years, to Wm. Light-foot of Portland. The latter will take charge January 15th.