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CITY COUNCIL HOLDS SESSION

AUDIT THE REGULAR MONTHLY ACCOUNTS.

Transact Routine Business—Ordered City Jail Made Burglar Proof and Appointed Another City Marshal during the Hop Picking Season.

The city council met in regular monthly session Wednesday evening, Sept. 1, with the mayor, all the city councilmen, city recorder and marshal present, with the exception of Councilman Hoffman.

After the reading of the minutes of the last regular session and the special meeting of the council called for Aug. 27, had been read and approved, the following business was transacted:

On motion of Mr. Bohannon, the matter of the sidewalk on the side of the new county bridge being built on Monmouth street across the slough was referred to the committee on streets with instructions to ascertain the cost of the same and report at the next regular meeting of the council.

Councilman Bohannon called attention to the condition of the city jail and suggested that the same be fixed at once, inasmuch as two prisoners had got out in the last week.

The mayor stated that he had given the city marshal instructions to have the necessary repairs made at once and he supposed that the matter had been attended to.

The city marshal stated that the jail had been made burglar proof and that everything was alright at the present time, excepting the paying of the bill.

Councilman Cravens stated that Mr. Hansborough had advised him that the county court had given the citizens the timber in the old wooden bridge on Monmouth which was being replaced by the county with a new steel bridge, and that if the city would buy a strip of land belonging to J. R. Cooper on Seventh street that the citizens of that end of town would bear the expense of having the bridge moved to that street.

Mr. Bohannon stated that the matter had been referred to the committee on streets and lights, and as chairman he had called upon Mr. Cooper and that he wanted \$300 for the piece of land referred to and as he considered the price excessive he had neglected to report the matter back to the council.

The mayor inquired if the revenue on that street would justify the expenditure of that amount of money. Councilman Mix stated that he did not think it would, as there was only about three people who would be of any practical benefit to it.

Mr. Cravens stated that it seemed to be the wish of the people in that end of town to have the bridge moved to the street this side of Seventh street, as it would accommodate more people.

Mr. Hoffman stated that Mr. Cooper owned the land on the street mentioned and that he would not take anything less for it.

It was finally decided to let the matter rest without taking any further action.

Mr. Hanna brought up the matter of securing another marshal during the month of September, the city being full of strangers and all kinds of characters. Already two or three hold-ups and robberies had been reported.

The mayor stated that this matter should be attended to at once and suggested someone bring this matter up in the shape of a motion. He also inquired of the city marshal if he had any one to suggest for the place.

City Marshal Feagle stated that he had made no inquiries and suggested that Mr. Taylor, who had been acting as day marshal without pay, be given the job.

Mr. Taylor being present, stated that he had been acting as day marshal for some time with the understanding that he was to be compensated during the hop picking time as usual, but if he had to go on at night he didn't want the job, but would accept the position as day man at a salary of \$2 per day.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard, Mr.

Taylor was employed as day marshal during the month of September at a salary of \$2 per day.

The following bills were read and ordered paid, on motion of Councilman Hanna:

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| Willamette Valley Co. | \$104.00 |
| Fred Oberon, sprinkling | 15.00 |
| Chas. K. Spaulding Co. | 9.19 |
| J. H. Feagler, salary as city marshal for the month of August | 51.80 |
| Forest Finch, work on city buildings | 13.00 |

The bond of J. D. Whitaker for a near beer license was read and approved.

A communication from the proprietors of the Black Tent was read, asking the council to reduce the license for their show from \$40 a month to something more reasonable.

After some discussion, in which the statement was made that this show was a floating one and it would leave town just as quick as the hop picking season was over, the idea of reducing the license was laughed at, and there was a strong feeling toward raising it to \$4 per day, as called for in the ordinance.

There being no other business the council adjourned to meet at the next regular meeting night.

A REMARKABLE YIELD AN ACRE

Recently we made the statement that the section known as Missouri Bottom, across the river from Independence in Marion county, was one of the most fertile in the Willamette valley, and I substantiated that statement when I saw that the farmers over on the Bottom finished threshing this week, and we herewith present some of the results obtained: D. P. McCarthy got nine tons of hay and 550 bushels of oats off of nine acres. G. L. Rose threshed 25 acres of oats that averaged 80 bushels to the acre. G. M. Baysor threshed 318 sacks of oats that averaged 96 pounds to the sack from six acres and 121 bushels of wheat from two acres. Now, you "hot-air artist," come out and beat it!

The ferry commenced running nights this week for the accommodation of pickers who are employed on the opposite side of the river.

Charley and Clarence MacCreedy were in the city this week.

Mrs. Tiltin and Mrs. W. H. Walker were among those who went to Salem Tuesday of this week.

Special Meeting of Council.

Upon a petition signed by the required number of councilmen the mayor called a special meeting of the council last Friday evening for the purpose of repealing election ordinance No. 105, calling a special Sept. 4th, for the purpose of voting on the referendum petition relative to the issuing of \$17,000 of the bonds of the City of Independence for the purpose of raising money for the constructing of a system of sewers in the City of Independence.

The reason given for the repealing of the ordinance is that the election came at a time when everyone was busy picking hops, and that there would not be a full vote out.

As the matter stands now, the vote on the question will come up at the regular city election next December, when the matter will be fully placed before the public.

It will be remembered that this ordinance was passed by the city council last May; vetoed by the mayor, and passed over the mayor's veto in June.

A petition of referendum was served on the city officials on the 2d day of July, asking that the matter be put before the people for their approval or disapproval at the next regular election in December. Later the city council passed an ordinance calling for a special election on Sept. 4th, which ordinance was repealed at the special meeting.

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HOP PICKERS ARRIVING DAILY

HOP PICKERS ARRIVING BY THE HUNDREDS.

By Next Monday Over 10,000 People Will Be Employed in the Various Hop Yards in the Vicinity of Independence.

Talk about your four ring circus, but it ain't much compared to the great hop picking carnival now on in Independence.

The population of the town has in the past week increased from 2,000 people to the neighborhood of 10,000, and every train and boat that arrives increases the population from three to four hundred.

Krebs' Bros. opened the game last Friday by running a special from Portland to Independence, which landed about 400, including men, women and children, every seat in the eight coaches being occupied and two baggage-cars filled to their capacity with baggage.

Conrad Krebs, who has an office in Portland, is sending up about 75 pickers daily. They expect to dry and bale their hops as fast as possible in order to take advantage of the 20-cent rates now being offered. They have in their yards about 200 acres in hops and are expecting an average of 1,500 pounds of hoys to the acre.

It looks like a moving day, all the pickers seemingly have with them the accumulation of a natural lifetime, including the feather bed that their mother used to sleep on, the kitchen range, the house cat, dog, canary bird, and enough provisions to last three months, for an alleged outing to last three weeks. But then it must be remembered that everybody's appetite is about three times the size it is when he is at home.

Every team available in the district is busy hauling the pickers and their plunder to the different yards in this vicinity.

While a number of the small yards commenced picking on the first of September, picking in general will not begin until next Monday, when everything will be humming, and long before daylight you can hear that old familiar song of "wire down" and "box fall" shouted from one camp to another like the crowing of the cocks in the morning.

The streets at present present all the old-time festive spirit of hop picking. While nearly all the yards in this section are fairly well filled up, the end is not yet, and before another week passes into the by-gones every yard in the district will be in full blast. Every boat, train and wagon that pulls into town has the standing room only sign displayed and all trains and boats are running from a half to an hour and a half late.

The present price of hops has stimulated every grower in the valley to exert every effort possible to save every hop in the yard, and like magic have the tented cities sprung in a day or night and the hop shacks taken on the appearance of being inhabited.

With the early starting of the hop picking season, fully ten days in advance of former years, it is a safe gamble that the growers will beat the game when it comes to mold, etc., and have the big crop fully harvested before the fall rain sets in.

A conservative estimate places the amount the growers in the Independence district will pay for the harvesting of the crop at \$200,000. The Enterprise printed hop tickets alone that if they are all used will require the expenditure of over \$80,000 to redeem them, and it is fair to say that we did not print one-third of the tickets used in the district, as you will always find a lot of growers who do not believe in patronizing home industry.

Thursday a report was started that gained considerable headway before it was contradicted that two or three of the big yards of this district had been condemned by the buyers, owing to their poor condition. While we were unable to substantiate the rumor, it is a known fact that some of the yards are so covered with honey dew and vermin that the hops will be of a very inferior quality. It is claimed by those who are in a position to know that these yards in every instance are where they failed to spray, as nearly every yard that

was properly sprayed are free from lice.

E. C. Young, who represents some of the heaviest hop dealers on the Pacific coast, during the last ten days has visited the majority of the yards in this district and he reports that a great many of them will not harvest one-third of their crop on account of lice, honeydew and mold, and a great many of the yards in the foothills will be a total loss. He figures that not over 50 per cent of the crop of the district will be saved. There are others who claim that at least ten per cent of the crop that is saved will not be marketable. Another six days will tell who is right and then look out for the market to soar.

Fruit Lands for Sale.

E. W. Strong of Monmouth, who owns 600 acres of fruit land along the line of the Falls City railroad, southwest of Dallas, has laid it out into ten acre tracts which he is selling on easy terms. For further particulars call on the Chas. E. Hicks Real Estate Company, Independence; T. B. Ford & Co., over Ladd & Tilton's bank, Salem; or E. W. Strong, owner, Monmouth. 13-16

GAVE HIS SON A 22 TO PLAY WITH

"All the fools are not dead yet" is an old and familiar saying, but one of the greatest now living is at present picking down at McLaughlin's hop yards. His name is Frank W. Mulkey, and before going to his work this morning he gave his four-year old son a 22-revolver to play with from which it is said he pulled the cartridges and laid them on a table. An empty revolver is no attraction to a boy, who is surprised saw where his father put the cartridges, got hold of them and loading up the revolver went out after game. Not being able to tree anything, he took a shot at his little sister, and as his marksmanship was good, the bullet, which was 22-long, struck her in the right cheek, coming out at the side of the neck. A doctor was called and the wound was dressed and there is a good chance for her recovery.

While working with a threshing crew in the vicinity of Parker last Wednesday afternoon, a son of P. T. Peterson, a resident of Parker, was seriously if not fatally injured. At the time of the accident he was pitching straw in the vicinity of the separator, when he accidentally dropped the pitchfork he was using; the handle hitting the belt in such a manner that it drove the tines of the fork into the abdomen, passing nearly through him. Dr. Butler was called and the wounds of the patient cared for. At last accounts he was resting easy with a fair chance of recovery unless some unforeseen complication sets in.

Thursday evening the little son of E. E. DeArmond, who resides near Airle on Soda Creek, was playing in a corral where a number of horses were feeding, the horses became frightened and started to run, with the result that the boy was run over and trampled under the feet of one of the horses, cutting a bad gash in the right temple and mashing one of his feet badly. While his injuries are not considered dangerous, he will be laid up for some time.

Late Peaches for Sale.

The late Crawford Peaches, the finest variety in the world for canning, are now ready for delivery. Those desiring peaches can be accommodated by calling up either main 364 or farmers 348. Get your orders in early as we have only a limited amount this season. 13-14

D. L. Hedges.

The G Street Millinery store will be open about the first of September with anew and complete line of up-to-date goods. A first-class trimmer will be in charge. 12-13

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