

ASKS FOR TELEPHONE FRANCHISE

City Council Considering Petition of Mr De Varney.

Annual Meeting of the Council Held Last Night--Committees Appointed and Other Business Attended To.

Daily Guard April 12

At the regular monthly session of the city council last night the annual reports of the mayor and city recorder were read, reappointment of committees was made, and other business of importance was transacted.

Prominent matter of most interest to the public to come up before the meeting was the petition of W. D. DeVarney, representative of the B. R. Electric and Telephone Manufacturing Company, of Kansas City, Mo., for a franchise for establishing another telephone system in the city to co-operate with the several rural lines which are now building and in contemplation. The matter was referred to a committee consisting of Councilmen Wilkins, Griffin and Calkins, to report at a special meeting.

NUMEROUS PETITIONS.

The following petitions were presented:

For sewer on the west side of Oak street, between East Fifth and East Sixth, at the main sewer and run one block north. Referred to fire and water committee.

For increase of city treasurer's salary. Referred to finance committee.

For grading and graveling Villard boulevard from intersection of East Eleventh and East Thirteenth streets to Fairmount. Referred to the street committee.

For sidewalk along the west side of Ferry street, from East Thirteenth to East Sixteenth streets. Read and referred.

For sidewalk from intersection of East Fifteenth street and Orchard avenue to block 33 connecting with the sidewalk on the north side of East Eleventh. Read and referred.

Asking that the 6 and 8-inch sewer on East Eleventh street be taken up and a 12 inch sewer put in its place, the petitioners to pay for the new pipe. Referred to fire and water committee.

For sewer running from East Eleventh street north through the alley between Mill and High streets.

For appointment of a marshal at Fairmount and remonstrance against the same were read. Council authorized Mayor Christian to appoint a marshal to serve without pay in Fairmount.

For five short sewers, referred to the fire and water committee, were passed on by the committee and construction recommended.

REPORTS.

Monthly report of street committee showed total number of feet of lumber used during March to be 7302.

Health committee reported two cases of contagious disease during March.

Street commissioner reported \$225 collected as poll tax and returned over to the city treasurer, less his commission for collection.

Annual report of street committee showed 37 new street crossings, 28 alley crossings, 3 1/2 miles of sidewalk constructed, 27 blocks of streets graded, and 115,788 feet of lumber used during the year.

City treasurer's and mayor's annual reports were read and adopted.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The council reorganized, Geo. B. Dorris being re-elected president of the council.

The following committees were appointed:

Judiciary--G. W. Griffin, F. M. Wilkins, R. B. Henderson.

Finance--Geo. B. Dorris, E. P. Anderson, L. O. Beckwith.

Streets--J. D. Matlock, W. W. Calkins, L. O. Beckwith.

Fire and Water--F. M. Wilkins, W. W. Calkins, G. W. Griffin.

Health--J. O. Beckwith, J. D. Matlock, R. B. Henderson.

Printing and Police--T. B. Anderson, Geo. B. Dorris, G. W. Griffin.

Other appointments are as follows: J. M. Williams, city attorney; J. P. Turner, street commissioner; Geo. F. Croner, assistant night watch; C. M. Conner, city surveyor. The city marshal and night watch were allowed to hold over for the present.

Palestine Pointers.

Crow, April 12.--Every one has been taking advantage of the fine weather to attend to the belated farming and gardening.

Two dances are scheduled to come off in the near future, one at the hall at Crow, the other at Henry Gates.

Messrs. Snyder, Bjerke and Hanson intend to set twenty, fifteen and six acres respectively in hops this spring.

T. J. McCulloch is not improving in health as rapidly as at our last mention.

Mrs. Geo. Hadley, who went to Seattle recently to undergo a surgical operation, has been steadily growing worse of late, until now her recovery is despaired of. Her son Henry has gone to Seattle to be with his mother.

B. D. McLean and Norris Smith spent Easter Sunday at A. J. Kraal's.

The Golf Tournament.

The members of the Golf Club have been busily engaged for the past few days in fixing up the golf links, and mowing the greens, in preparation for the tournament to be held in the near future. This is the first thing of its kind ever held in Eugene, and is attracting considerable attention. Since the club was organized a number of the members have developed into excellent players, and there will be close competition in all the events. A dozen golf balls, a Spaulding stick and a McGregor stick are offered to the winners. Prizes will be given in both the ladies' and gentlemen's singles. In the near future there will be an opening of the clubhouse on the links. Each member will be entitled to invite a few friends.

MRS. NOAH GROSS DEAD

Sarah Francis King Gross, wife of Noah Gross, of this city, died this morning at one o'clock of consumption, at the family residence, 476 Oak street, after a long illness.

Died at 1:30 O'clock This Morning After a Long Illness.

Deceased was born in Macon county Missouri, in November, 1842, where she grew to womanhood. She was married to Noah Gross in the year 1865, and became the mother of a family of eight children, all of whom, with their father, survive her. They are Robert E., William and Frank Gross, proprietors of the Gross Bros.' Foundry, of this city; Leonard Gross, Bettie Gross, Pearl Gross, Mrs. Della Gaby, all of this city, and Mrs. Rose Gilmore, of Salem.

Mrs. Gross has been a highly respected resident of Eugene for twelve years. She leaves many friends who sincerely regret to hear of her death.

The funeral services will be conducted by Rev. B. F. Rowland tomorrow afternoon at the residence. The remains will be interred in the C.O.O. cemetery.

CROW TELEPHONE COMPANY

Articles of incorporation of the Crow Telephone Co. were filed this morning with the county clerk. The incorporators are Charles Hootby, Herman Bjerke, Joseph Hooker and Wm. Mathers. The principal office and place of business is in Eugene, and the capital stock is \$1000, divided into 200 shares of the par value of \$5 each. The objects are to construct, maintain, equip and operate telephone lines.

This company will co-operate with the Llewellyn Telephone Co. in the construction of a line from Eugene to Crow and Elmira.

Stockholders' Meeting.

The stockholders of the Crow Telephone Company are requested to attend a meeting on the 11th day of May, at 1 o'clock, p. m., at the company office at Crow.

CHAS. HADLEY,
HAMD. BJERKE,
JOSEPH HOOKER,
WM. MATHERS.

A letter from E. L. Campbell, dated at Chariton, Iowa, April 7, says: "Four inches of snow, cold. That seems to me without people like 'winter hosing' in the lap of spring with a vengeance."

BARN BURNED LAST NIGHT

I. F. Circle, Recently from Oklahoma, Suffers Quite a Loss.

Last night about 8:30 o'clock an alarm of fire was given and the blaze proved to be in the barn of I. F. Circle, out beyond the I. O. O. F. cemetery. The entire fire department started to the scene of the conflagration, but turned back when it was discovered that the blaze was entirely beyond the reach any line of hose that could be laid.

The barn, valued at about \$250, burned to the ground. There was no insurance.

The origin of the fire is unknown. The children of Mr. Circle discovered the blaze after it and made good headway, too late to extinguish. Mr. Circle and family are recently from Perry, Oklahoma, and purchased the place where the barn burned from Rev. W. A. Wood.

Contributed Items

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Henry A. Gershard to William Linton; lot 2, blk 10, Packard's addition Eugene, \$800.

E. L. Parrott, sheriff, to M. L. King; 160 acres in tp 19, s r 11 w. Tax deed.

O. & C. R. R. to Elmer Eugene Miller; 80 acres in tp 20, s r 4 w. \$280.

Charles and Martha Sherbondy to Ransom Roberts; 40 acres in tp 17, s r 4 w. \$3200.

Ivan L. and Laura Smith to Richard Simmering; 100x119 feet in Springfield Investment and Power Co.'s addition to Springfield, \$250.

Richard Simmering to Mrs. Minnie Kahler; 50x119 feet in Springfield Investment and Power Co.'s addition to Springfield, \$500.

I. L. and Laura Smith to Richard Simmering; 50x119 feet in Springfield Investment and Power Co.'s addition to Springfield, \$475.

Lusetta and J. I. Thomas to H. Venke; lot 5, blk 1, J. E. Young's addition to Cottage Grove, \$2000.

James H. and Laura A. McFarland to H. Venke; lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, blk 2, James H. McFarland's 1st addition to Cottage Grove, \$900.

Frank and Isabelle Johnson to E. J. Crow; 1.038 acres in Eugene, \$500.

E. J. and Olive F. Crow to John Bertle; lots 17 and 18, blk 4, Fraser & Hyland's addition to Eugene, \$10.

LATE POTATO DIGGING TIME

Ed Howe Has Just Dug His Spuds --Eleven Months Since They Were Planted.

Ed Howe has just finished digging his potatoes from his garden tract in the bottom across the river from the Eugene sawmill. Rather late potato digging time, yet the "Murphys" are just as bright and sound as at any time since ripe.

He sold the 150 bushels for 60 cents a bushel, representing a good profit, where there would have been a small one had he sold at the usual marketing time in the fall or early winter for about thirty-five cents a bushel. It was nearly a year from the time the potatoes were planted till dug--to be exact, eleven months.

Tangent Soldier Killed.

The dispatches of yesterday report an engagement between our soldiers and the Moros on the Philippine islands, after an unsuccessful effort to bring the Moros to terms peacefully, each time refused. The Moros attacked our soldiers, when two American soldiers were killed, Newcomb, of Co. K, 17th infantry, whom the Albany boys say is a former Linn county young man, who went from Tangent, where his father now resides. --Albany Democrat.

Died Suddenly.

Dr. Thos. Osburn, an uncle of W. O. Ziegler, of this city, who was in Eugene for several weeks last summer, died suddenly from heart trouble at Malaga, Cal., last Wednesday. He was aged eighty years. He made quite a number of friends while here. They will be pained to hear of his death.

DOPE FOR THE FANS

High School Team Has Arranged for Several Games.

League Players Will All Be Here by the Latter Part of This Week--Other Notes.

The High School baseball team is now a thing of reality. Manager Ralph Robinson has proven very efficient so far, as he has over thirty boys out to practice every afternoon on the Geary school grounds, has arranged several games and procured fine equipment. The positions on the team will not be assigned until the date of the first game. The team will be equipped with the very best uniforms and will be equal to any of the league teams so far as looks are concerned. The first game will be played with the Roseburg High School team in Roseburg on Thursday afternoon, April 21st.

The games following will be with Albany college in Eugene the first week in May and again with Albany college at Albany on Saturday, May 30th. Games will also be arranged with Salem and Brownville schools and with the university team.

Candidates who are showing up encouragingly are, Hendershott, Kestly, Paine, Curtis King, Watson, Bean, Roy Booth, Moore, Sid Smith, Ertz, Simpson, Prosser, Wiloughby, Crow, McCully, Carl King, Floy Booth, Davis, J. Kestly, Stapleton.

At a meeting of the players last evening Elzie Crow was unanimously elected captain of the team and will conduct the training until practice with the league team commences.

The team has a bright outlook and with conscientious and hard training they should have a very successful season.

Transportation has been sent all the players of the Eugene league team and it is likely that they will all be here by Friday of this week. Active practice will begin next Monday. Work on the infield at the new baseball park will begin tomorrow morning. A big force of men will be put on to push the work through. It is going to take a whole lot of work to get the grounds in good condition by the time the season opens. The grandstand and fence are practically completed. A splendid feature of the grandstand is a commodious clubhouse for players, provided with lockers and other conveniences.

Manager DuShane, of the "Blues," attended a meeting of the directors of the State League at Salem Sunday. Considerable business was transacted including the discussion of the matter of rearranging the schedule so that Roseburg can play here on May 8, the date of the big railway excursion to Eugene, and so that the Vancouver team can use the Portland grounds when the "Browns" are away. The four clubs filed their bonds of \$250, which will be forfeited for non-observance of league rules and by-laws, or in case of failure to play out the season.

Roseburg Plaindealer: Poor old "Pap" Morrow, manager of the "Micks," is all sorrow and tears, not because he has doubt of having a winning aggregation, but because he really believes that bad luck will follow him for seasons to come. "Talk about your luck," quoth "Pap"; that Frenchman at Eugene has it over me four city blocks for luck. Room 13 isn't in it for what I have had happen to me already this season. I carried a looking glass out to the ball grounds last week, with the intention of hanging it up in the club room, but when I got there I foolishly laid it on a bench and afterwards tipped over the bench and broke it into a thousand pieces. Talk about luck. That has "Fakir" White's batting average of last season looking like thirty cents.

On next Saturday, according to the present arrangements, the Multnomah club's baseball nine will open the season in Portland in a game with the Salem Regians. The local club team is in good shape and the members look to a successful season. --Portland Journal.

The university freshmen have decorated the old observatory on Skinner's route with a big "U" in red, the class color. It has borne up for about a year.

Creswell Items.

(Guard Special Service.)

Creswell, April 12.--Plowing, sowing and garden making are the order of the day.

J. F. Frank has sold his town to a Mr. Peterson and will remove with his family to Woodburn to make his future home.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Handsaker of Eugene visited Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Guiley.

Mr. Martin, who arrived last week from Nebraska has bought a farm just west of town from J. E. Noland.

B. S. Kelsey of Eugene was in Creswell Saturday on business.

The Creswell school will observe Arbor Day next Friday afternoon with appropriate exercises.

Messrs. Hawley, Shaub, Hazleton, and Zinniser attended the Republican convention Saturday as delegates.

Miss Inis Hughes has gone to Hales to teach school.

Miss Hattie Hawley gave a very pleasant birthday party to her young school friends last Friday evening, the occasion being the young lady's 16th birthday.

At the Democratic primary last Saturday Messrs. J. H. Scribner, C. L. Gilroy, J. W. Gordon, C. E. Stanton, J. L. Clark, John Stone and E. R. Parker were elected delegates to the county convention, and expressions favorable to the candidacy of Fred Fisk for sheriff, were common. --Starbuck for Fisk!

MRS. J. S. GRAY DIED AT NOON

As a Result of an Operation--Leaves Husband and Four Children.

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Mrs. John S. Gray came to her death as a result of an operation today at 12 o'clock. Mrs. Gray was one of Eugene's useful and popular ladies, being an active member of the W. R. P. L. and other organizations, and has a large circle of friends.

Mary Bell Gray was born in the year of 1867, in Ohio, where she lived until her marriage to J. S. Gray, in 1888. Mr. and Mrs. Gray came to Eugene thirteen years ago, and have resided here since. The deceased leaves three brothers and two sisters who reside in the East, a husband and four little children, Barbara, Albert, Mable and Rudolph, to mourn her death. The funeral services have not yet been arranged, as her sister, Mrs. Gunther, is expected here from San Francisco soon.

Franklin Items.

(Guard Special Service.)

Franklin, April 12.--Miss Alice Fisk, of Elmira, passed through here Saturday on her way to Harmony.

Miss Leah Davis, of McMinnville, is visiting with her uncle, Mr. B. C. Beaman, of this place.

The Democratic primary was held here last Saturday, six delegates being elected to represent Richardson precinct in Eugene next Saturday.

Mrs. Pope and her daughter, Cloe, of Deadwood, passed through here last Sunday on their way home from Eugene, where Miss Pope has been doctoring for the past few months.

Mr. L. V. Stingley and wife, and Mr. T. D. Stingley, of Siuslaw, are spending a few days here with their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Lemley.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Richardson have gone down on the Siuslaw for the purpose of bringing Mr. Richardson's mother, who is quite ill, out to Eugene to be doctored.

Mr. and Mrs. Milliron, of Junction, are visiting friends and relatives of this place.

Messrs. Ben Smith and Harvey Duckworth, of Junction, passed through here Monday.

Committed to Aid Society.

This morning Judge Kincaid committed Charles Zuzwalt, of Junction, a lad of fourteen years, to the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society at Portland, with the understanding that the boy be given to J. C. Kennedy, of Junction, to be cared for. The statement of E. U. Lee and the boy was taken and was to the effect that the father would not and did not take care of the boy. The boy has been living with Mr. Kennedy for some time past.

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In Eugene, April 11, 1904, to Mr. and Mrs. W. Roy Brest, a son.

HUMAN SKIN BEING SOLD

Murderer Egbert's Body Dissected After Hanging--Piece of His Skin Tanned.

Sunday's Oregonian has this as a dispatch from Salem:

"Quite a sensation was created here this evening by the circulation of the report that the skin of murderer Harry Egbert was taken from his body and tanned and that pieces of it are being sold here in Salem as relics. After Egbert was hanged last January, his body was given to Willamette University Central School for dissecting purposes.

"Inquiry tonight brought out the story that after the hanging Egbert's body was taken to the dissecting room of the medical school on the university campus and left there. When work was begun on the body next morning it was found that some one had broken into the building during the night and had taken from Egbert's back a piece of skin six inches wide and 18 inches long. It is this piece that is being offered for sale, if any.

"Dr. W. H. Byrd, dean of the Medical School, says there is no foundation for the story that part of Egbert's skin was taken. The law provides particularly that when medical schools receive bodies, they shall, after dissection has been completed, give the remains decent burial. A fine of from \$100 to \$200 may be imposed for violation of this requirement. Dr. Byrd says that Egbert's remains were buried in the Medical College, not in Oddfellows' cemetery and that he was confident that none of the skin was taken away.

"Dr. W. C. Smith, who had charge of the dissection, could not be seen tonight. The story created a sensation in Salem and it is likely that Governor Chamberlain will be asked to make an investigation and ascertain whether it is true that such gruesome relics of murderers hang at the penitentiary are being offered for sale. When Egbert was hanged Superintendent James was careful not to let visitors carry off any piece of rope or other articles that might be kept as relics."

FLORENCE NEMS NOTES

Democratic Primaries Held Saturday--Channel Across Bar in Bad Shape.

(Guard Special Service.)

Florence, April 11, 1904.--At the Democratic primary held here on the 9th Wm. Harris, Geo. Colter and J. C. Phelps were elected delegates to the county convention, to be held in Eugene on the 16th. Mr. Dale and Mr. Harwood were elected delegates from what was Lake precinct. Douglas county, but is now a part of Florence precinct, Lane county. No nomination was made for justice of the peace. J. C. Phelps was nominated for constable.

The L. Roscoe went to Yaquina yesterday. She had quite a number of passengers, among them Drew Severy, who is going to the hospital at Portland for treatment.

Nearly everybody was out picnicking yesterday, a goodly number taking a stroll on the ocean beach.

There is still no well defined channel across the bar, and there are three loaded schooners here waiting to get out. It is thought that a few days of fair weather will soon open it out.

An Imaginary Holdup.

After the lecture at Corvallis before a big house, Homer Davenport, his manager, A. E. Pond, and W. W. Crawford left for home in a Corvallis rig. Coming along a dark place what appeared to be a man loomed up in the middle of the road, and acted in such a strange manner the occupants thought they were in for a holdup. Davenport hid his \$500 watch. Pond tried to secrete his sack of money and Crawford disposed of his large stock of valuables, but it was a young heifer. --Albany Democrat.

Married.

Joe. Olinger and Miss Viola Cook were married yesterday afternoon at the M. E. parsonage, Rev. B. F. Rowe and officiating. The young couple reside at Coburg, Mr. Olinger being employed by the Booth-Kelly Lumber Co.