

COUNCIL FAVORS MACADAMIZING BLAIR STREET

Will Ask Property Owners to
Petition—Long Session,
Much Business

The city council held a lengthy meeting last night and transacted a considerable amount of lengthy business. Perhaps really the most important matter that has been before the body for some time and which passed favorably was that of macadamizing Blair street and East Eleventh street to the city limits. The council decided unanimously that these two streets should be improved and the matter was referred to the street committee who are to secure petitions from the property owners. A little bit of humor was introduced when Councilman Dorr introduced the matter of refurbishing the office of city treasurer be referred to the health committee, after the mayor had described how filthy it was. An ordinance to allow the payment of construction warrants more promptly was passed and the matter of paving Tenth street between Willamette and Pearl was brought up. The city attorney was instructed to see that Dr. Loomis' hedge, which contains poison oak, be removed as a public menace.

Routine Business
In the order of business the first matter taken up was the improvement of Blair street. A petition was read from a large number of farmers living on the county roads beyond Blair street asking that this street be improved. The farmers living beyond this street have raised \$2200 to have the river road macadamized, and the county is raising the sum to \$7000. This makes it bad to have the poor stretch of road in between. No petition has been received from the property owners to this effect and it is suggested that they be heard from, although the council was very much in favor of having the work done and it was even inquired if the council could act at once without a petition. Attorney Bean then brought up the matter of the Springfield road beyond the University to where the county has finished macadamizing, which is in the same condition and is the most traveled road into Eugene. He said he had heard it from auto owners who drove to Mapleton a short time ago that Blair street is the worst piece of road between Eugene and Lake Creek. However, desirous that the property owners would be heard from, the matter was referred to the street committee.

More Water in Fairmount
M. Svarverud was present as a delegate from Fairmount to ask the council to have the city water main

extended into Fairmount. As it is, complaints against the property owners in south Eugene who refused to connect with the sewer. The city attorney was ordered to draw up an ordinance making it possible for the city to have the hedge of Dr. Loomis on Eleventh and High streets cut of its poison oak. It is said that many have become afflicted with the poison from here and one man is said to be in bed.

Frank Dunn filed with the city council the plan of Waverly addition on West Eleventh. The mayor advised that the fire-cracker ordinance not go into effect until the first of January. Money was ordered transferred from the general fund to the construction fund in order that the interest, which is due on the first of next month may be paid. The health committee was ordered to hire a man to care for the city dump because the old one had quit.

Quicker Pay for Laborers
An ordinance was passed that would allow the warrants to be paid upon the authority of the finance committee. This was done so that the wages of the men working at the power plant might be paid without delay.

The matter of refitting the office of the city treasurer was brought up by the mayor. He described how the carpet in the room had been laid 25 years ago and was entirely worn out. It was unfit, he said, for a man of Mr. Reiser's age to have to work in such a room. After this description, Councilman Dorr arose and said that judging from the description by the mayor this matter should be referred to the health committee, and so moved. The motion was carried and the health committee will see to refitting the room. It was then questioned by some one there whether or not the city health committee knew how to take up a carpet.

Pave Tenth Street
A petition signed by C. S. Frank, S. H. Friendly, J. S. Luckey and E. Whittam, a majority of the property owners on Tenth street between Willamette and Oak streets, asking that the street be paved with bitulithic. They also mentioned the block east of that but did not incorporate it in their petition for fear that that block would defeat theirs also. There are two other blocks on South Willamette awaiting enough more to have all done together.

Small Matters
T. H. Ellis was ordered paid a bill of \$440 for concrete piers, some 40 in number, at the filtering plant on which the settling tanks are to rest.

Mayor Matlock was awarded \$16.50 for two trips, one to Waltherville, and the other to Portland.

Albert Baker, the street commissioner, asked to have his salary raised from \$60 to \$65. It was referred to the street committee.

An invitation was read from Salem asking the mayor and members of the council to visit the cherry fair, and it was moved accepted.

McArthur's sewer claim of \$395.72 was ordered paid. The marshal was ordered to file

complaints against the property owners in south Eugene who refused to connect with the sewer.

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AMUSEMENTS

The original manuscript of that dear old song, "Way Down Upon the Suwanee River," is one of the most cherished possessions of Miss Henrietta Crossman, the well-known comedienne who is coming to this city with her newest vehicle, "Anti-Matrimony." Miss Crossman's possession of this manuscript is quite natural, as the author of the song, Stephen C. Foster, was the actress' grand uncle. Miss Crossman had the original manuscript of nearly all of the late Mr. Foster's, but they were destroyed by fire some years ago when the actress lost all her trunks in a conflagration that razed the Pike Opera house in Cincinnati to the ground. The "Suwanee River" manuscript would have gone with the rest of the priceless papers had not Miss Crossman only that day taken it out to show it to a friend who is an enthusiast and admirer of Foster's works.

The precious manuscript is now hanging on the wall of Miss Crossman's pretty New York home. It is framed between two pieces of glass so that each side of the paper may be read. On playing the melody from the manuscript it is quickly discovered that the latter-day harmonists have slightly altered modulations and progressions although the melody is the same. The rich, pure but simple harmonies of Foster however, cannot be improved upon except for an ear that demands the "barbershop" variety of chording.

Miss Crossman will appear in Eugene in "Anti-Matrimony" July 12.

Mr. Sidney S. Peixotto, the main-spring, founder and life of the Columbia Park Boys' Club, forty of whose members are to arrive here Saturday, June 25, on the Sunset Magazine Tour of the Northwest, is one of the most distinguished families of the state of California.

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He is president of the Pacific Ath-

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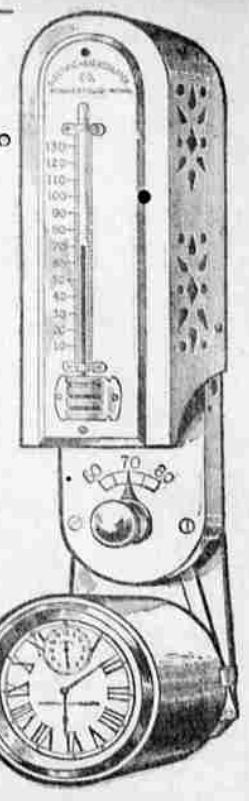
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He is president of the Public Schools Athletic League of San Francisco, an organization which provides all forms of athletics for thousands of school boys of that city.

He is vice-president of the Federated Boys' Club of America; is editor of the amateur sports department of the San Francisco Examiner, and was appointed by Mayor Taylor to serve on the Municipal Playground commission. Mr. Peixotto has written numerous articles on boys and boy life and is considered one of the greatest authorities on the subject in the United States.

There are only four more nights on which the Brandon's Players can be seen at the Eugene Theatre. On Friday night they make their farewell bow, but in order that the people of Eugene may have a chance to see them in as many plays as possible it has been decided to change the bill nightly. Tonight they will present the delightful comedy drama, "Young Mrs. Winthrop," which has kept two continents laughing and crying.

Miss Jeannette Russell, the company's charming leading lady, is most fortunately cast in this sterling drama, having an opportunity to show her powers as an emotional actress at their best. She is ably as-

sisted by Mr. Frederick Clarke. The comedy is in the hands of Mr. Ray F. Brandon, whose character work was so favorably impressed upon the theatre-goers of Eugene.

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Senator Bourne has made a strong plea before the Senate public buildings committee for an amendment to the omnibus public buildings bill to give \$500,000 for the Portland building site, and the amendment probably will be included in the bill.

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