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CHARTER COMMISSION HANDS IN REPORT

Voluminous Document for Govern-
ment of the City Placed
on File

MANY CHANGES ARE MADE

Powers of the Council are Widened
to Meet Growing Demands—
Taxes and Bonds are
Looked After

The Charter Commission created by Mayor Laughlin several months ago for the purpose of drafting a new charter for the government of the city of Forest Grove, completed its labors last Monday night and submitted the document to the council on Tuesday evening.

The volume is of about forty-five typewritten pages and covers in detail all the points necessary for the government of the city, not only of its present size, but for a city several times larger. The work done by the commission was tedious and in many instances complicated, requiring much study, hard work and long hours.

A great many of the sections of the old charter were used, but the most vital sections, those covering such points as water and sewer system, were taken from such cities as Portland, Baker City, Eugene and McMinnville and rewritten to suit the conditions of Forest Grove.

The powers of the Council have been widened so as to give it power to meet the existing conditions as well as those that will arise when the town grows. As to taxation the scope remains about the same, the special tax for improvements, etc., which the council may deem necessary remains the same as the old charter, namely, one cent per annum or ten mills. The council is given power to appropriate money for city expenses and to provide for the payment of debts and expenses provided no authority is given to issue warrants for any year's expenditures in excess of twenty mills on the assessable property as determined by the previous year's assessment.

The council is also given the right to suppress, regulate and prohibit the sale or giving away of spirituous, malt or vinous liquors or other intoxicating compounds or cigarettes.

As to electric lights the city will have the power to make provisions governing the light question from A to Z, as well as providing ways and means for the construction and maintenance of a water works system and to grant a franchise to private persons or corporations for the constructing and maintaining the same, but no franchise shall be granted for a longer period than twenty-five years.

A provision is given governing the construction of any reservoir, ditch, pipe line or canal that may be necessary or convenient for the benefit of the citizens of the city. Cruelty to animals also comes in for consideration and the council is given power and authority to regulate and designate what shall constitute the same and to provide the punishment therefore.

One of the most important sections in the new charter is that limiting the issuance of bonds. The old charter provided that \$30,000 shall be the limit and as the present bonded indebtedness reaches nearly that amount it was readily seen that to proceed with improvements and keep abreast of the times, it would be necessary to advance the figure sufficient to meet the requirements of a new water system, sewer system and other minor improvements that are bound to come with the growing population, hence the provi-

ion limiting the bonded indebtedness at \$150,000 was made and the interest thereon shall not exceed six per cent per annum. The limit of warrant indebtedness is left the same as the old charter—\$10,000.

It is provided further in this act that whenever the city shall propose the issuance of bonds, the purpose must be stated and an estimate of the cost must be submitted to the vote of the taxpayers of the city.

As to the building and repairing of sidewalks the council will have the power by ordinance or resolution to order same done, and if the property owner neglects to perform the work so ordered it may be done by the city, the cost of same becoming a lien against the property. This new feature removes the old way of passing an ordinance for each and every walk ordered repaired or built.

Streets come in for a good share of attention and the council's authority is so widened that expense is saved.

The entire charter is so constructed to meet all the requirements of the city and provides all the necessary modes of procedure and is as equitable and just as any charter in the state. The voters of this city will be given the right to accept or reject it at the city election which will be held on the second Monday of January, 1909.

Class Party

The home of Mrs. Weitzel, corner First Ave and A street North last Friday night was the scene of one of the most pleasant social gatherings of the season. The occasion was the banquet given by the members of the Maximum class of the M. E. Sunday school of whom Mrs. Hiram Gould is teacher.

The class has enrolled fifty-eight young ladies and gentlemen and we doubt if a better looking, more congenial, more intellectual, happier young people's class can be found in the state.

For the purpose of becoming better acquainted with each other and especially with the new members, immediately after arriving the name of the individual was written on a card and pinned to the coat or dress. This did away with the formality of introductions.

Each one was also given a slip of paper upon which was written a few words of some familiar quotation and instructed to seek the missing part of it which could be found somewhere among the decorations. This placed the assembly at ease immediately.

After a season of greeting and visiting a short program of music and reading was rendered.

The feature of the evening was the banquet. The large room on the third floor was used for this part of the program. The walls were tastefully decorated with evergreens and autumn colors. Plates were laid for fifty-two and place cards indicated where each individual was to sit. The banquet was served in courses and surely reflected on whoever arranged the menu.

Of course a class banquet would not be complete without toasts and the happy, easy and brilliant manner in which the responses were given was quite a surprise to many present. Mr. F. D. Gardner acted in the capacity of toastmaster and those responding were as follows: Miss Merle Shannahan, Gus Gardner, Albert Kirkwood, Miss Elsie Lathrop, Archie Markee, Miss May Endicott and Harlan Turner.

A solo by Mr. Harry Underhill concluded the evening's entertainment and the young people went home proud of the fact that they are Sunday School scholars and declaring that the evening had been well spent.

ONE WHO WAS THERE

State Game Warden "Bob" Stevenson received this morning a 2-year old doe which he will place on his ranch in the Wat district where it will find companionship with three other fleet-footed members of its tribe. The new arrival is of the mule deer specie. It stood in the McNamer barn and attracted scores of people.

OREGON ELECTRIC NOTES

New Schedule Sunday—Big Cut About
Completed—Seven Days for
Track-laying.

The Big cut on the Hale place just this side of Dairy Creek on the Oregon Electric will be finished this week, according to the best information obtainable, then the rails will be laid. It is estimated that it will take seven days to lay the track to Forest Grove. The depot is to be located on the triangular shaped land on the east side of First street. The building, it is said, is the best one on the Oregon lines excepting the station at Portland.

The time table for Hillsboro to Portland now in force will be changed Sunday. The first car will leave Hillsboro at 7:30, second at 8:55; third, 10:10; fourth 1:45; fifth, 3:55; sixth 6:15. Leaving Portland the first car will arrive at Hillsboro at 8:10; second at 10:00, third, 11:30; fourth, 2:35; fifth, 5:15 sixth, 6:35. The Forest Grove schedule is also compiled and the same cars will continue to this place. Leaving Forest Grove each car will start 15 minutes earlier than the Hillsboro schedule and arriving cars will reach here 15 minutes later.

Miss Sigrid Falander, Art teacher at P. U. was tendered a shower of jellies and fruits by the members of the Art Club last Thursday afternoon. The theme for discussion was Millet.

GRANGERS MEET

Leedy Grange Entertains Pomona
Grange in Royal Style.

Local Grangers are planning for a grand meeting the latter part of January when Gale Grange No. 282 (Forest Grove) will be hostess.

According to the correspondent of a Hillsboro paper the Grangers of the east portion of the county held a pleasant meeting at Greenburg last week. The report says:

"Washington County Pomona Grange was royally entertained by Leedy Grange No. 339 and among the many good things was a heavily loaded table to which the grangers did full justice. Leedy grange is not in the back-ground by any means and deserve great credit for their fine entertainment. Beaverton, Butte, Hillsboro, Scholls and Green Mountain were represented. The election of officers was held resulting as follows:

Master, B. K. Denny, Beaverton No. 324; overseer, Alice Cutting, Butte No. 148; lecturer, Ida L. Gustin, Butte No. 148; steward, Philip Olesen, Hillsboro No. 73; assistant steward, George Thompson, Leedy No. 399; chaplain, A. B. Findly; treasurer, J. W. Miller, Green Mountain No. 95; secretary, A. N. Cutting, Butte No. 148; gate keeper, J. W. Barnes, Leedy; cures, Maggie Denny, Beaverton; pomona, Alice Eberhart, Beaverton; flora, Julia Olesen, Hillsboro; lady steward, Mabel Groner, Scholls. The 5th degree was conferred on a class of 23, after which a well rendered program completed the evening session which adjourned to meet with Gale Forest Grove No. 281, the fourth Wednesday in January."

Two Good Lectures.

George Gilbert Bancroft, the Psychologist, delivered two lectures at Masonic Hall the forepart of the week under the auspices of the Public schools. Six years ago the lecturer appeared in this city and on his second tour he was greeted by large audiences. He has the faculty of presenting the rather abstract subject of psychology in a popular style which make his lectures peculiarly interesting.

Tuesday night's lecture resembled a lecture he gave here on a former visit. Wednesday evening "When Whom and How to Love," was the subject which the specialist treated in a humorous vein putting now and then a word of fatherly advice to young people about to embark on the sea of matrimony.

CIRCUIT COURT TO CONVENE

Famous Perdue Case to Be Heard at
Hillsboro—Jurors Chosen.

A criminal case of considerable interest which will come up at the November term of the Circuit court for Washington county, is that of the State of Oregon vs. Walter Johnson who is said to have confessed to the murder of Elmer Purdue, committed in the mountains north of Buxton, with the alleged motive of robbery.

The court will convene on November 23 and the following jurors have been chosen to serve at this term of court:

Charles Lazotte, Buxton; John E. Sullivan and H. W. Schlottman, Beaverton; John Anderson and B. F. Catching, Forest Grove; A. H. Salzwedel, Charles Kraemer, Peter Jensen, Henry Kamma and Gerhart Goutze, Cornelius; William Crothers, J. D. Mickle and G. W. Poole, Gales Creek; W. L. Parsons, John C. Callahan, Geo. W. Beal Jr., Gaston; John Boland, West Butte; Aden Keene, Ora Gardner, Columbia; H. L. Kocher, West Cedars; J. K. Ihrig, Forest Grove; William Markway, Banks; L. W. House Hillsboro; Sam Galbreath, East Cedars; Robert L. Robinson, Charles E. Marrs, J. W. Reynard, South Tualatin; Joseph Cowan, West Cedars; Peter Grossen, Washington; Delmar Martin, Dilly; Henry Miller; Reedville.

TUBERCULOSIS MUST GO.

State Veterinary Korinck Sees Great
Future for Dairy Business.

Dr. Charles J. Korinck, of Salem, state veterinary, was in Forest Grove the latter part of last week on official duties connected with his office and while here incidentally visited Dr. J. H. Knox. Dr. Korinck expressed himself as well pleased with the manner in which Dr. Knox was discharging his duties as deputy state veterinary in this section.

Dr. Korinck inspected some of the dairy herds in the vicinity of Forest Grove and as a whole found them in fairly healthy condition and believed that the development of the dairy industry in this county was scarcely begun. "You have a great future in the dairy business here," said he, to a News representative. "I have been here before but I notice a constant enlarging of herds and the getting of better class of dairy animals. This bespeaks progress for the farmers of this locality and is an encouraging sign."

Tuberculosis among cows which has wrought such fearful inroads in other states must be stamped out of Oregon herds. We have found some tubercular animals in this county which will have to be tested and eliminated from the herds or the infectious disease will become a menace to the herds. It is a grave problem and one for which I will ask state aid from the legislature at its next session."

Dr. Korinck stated that as soon as the legislature met he would, with the assistance of Dr. Knox conduct a vigorous campaign against tuberculosis in this county, with little or no loss to the ranchers.

Class Entertainment.

Too late for last week's issue, comes the report of the 8th Grade Halloween party which was held at the home of Miss Dorothy Boldrick, North Mount.

At 7 o'clock sharp, the entire grade, chaperoned by their teacher, Miss Chalmers, started on their moonlight walk. Arriving at Miss Dorothy's residence we were surprised to find the house in darkness. A conference was held and one bolder than the rest summoned up courage enough to ring the bell, when silently the door swung open, revealing nothing but blackness within. Stepping inside, we were forced by unseen hands up a dark winding stairway, through a long, dark passage. At the farther end a door was opened by a fairy and we were ushered into a room where stood a ghostly figure with out-stretched hands and

bony arms, the only light in the room coming from its ghastly skull.

After laying off our outer wraps we were again led down the darkened hall to a large room below where a more fearsome sight awaited us. At the farther side of the room against the whitened wall hung a human head by the hair, a fire of flickering blue flames casting its weird light upon it, making all scream with terror when suddenly it disappeared, the light went out and all was in darkness, but only for a few moments, for the same weird light appeared again. This time the large bay-window had been decorated to represent a glen in the woods, where a huge black cat sat looking into a big iron pot which hung over the fire, its contents constantly stirred by an old witch all dressed in black who invited all to "come drink" of her mystic potion, that no evil might befall them. Then from all sides of the room grinning faces began to appear, till all was well lighted, then the fun began in earnest. Fortune-telling, bobbing for apples and games of all kinds were indulged in.

After a time we were told that a number of prizes—beautiful pictures, rare and beautiful things would be given to the shortest boy, the tallest girl, the prettiest one, the broadest smile and so on. When the prizes were distributed much laughter followed, for example, one of our number got a picture, "The Monkeys of America" for being the smallest one present. When the package was opened it was found to contain a piece of looking glass. We were then invited into the parlor where a miniature forest was made, and bindfolded we had to hunt for charms that were hidden there, then the lights were put out and we were engaged in telling ghost stories when the invitation came for tea, and trooping into the dining room, we found a dainty repast awaiting us in true gypsy style.

The tables were prettily decorated with pumpkin vases filled with pretty flowers, Jack-o'-lanterns and a large centerpiece composed of the fruits of the season. When we arose from the table we were surprised that it was after 11 o'clock. All too quickly had the evening passed and we were forced to bid our hostess good-night and hasten home before the mystic hour of 12.

Long shall the 8th Grade remember their Halloween at North Mount.

ONE WHO WAS THERE

Died

After a lingering illness of several months, Mrs. Amanda Greer, wife of W. H. Greer, passed away at her home in this city last Monday. She had been a patient sufferer and to the members of the household her demise was not altogether unexpected.

Mrs. Greer was born in Pennsylvania January 22, 1838. For many years the family lived at Calloway, Nebraska. Four years ago they removed to Forest Grove. Besides her husband, she is survived by two daughters, Miss Jessie and Miss Vesta, and a son, W. G. Greer, of Calloway, Nebraska.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Hiram Gould, of the M. E. Church, at the family residence on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, in the presence of a large company of friends and acquaintances who met to pay tribute to the memory of a noble woman. Interment took place in the Forestview cemetery.

Married.

Miss Belle Wilson, daughter of Mrs. Mary Wilson of this city was married last Sunday to Mr. Elias Griffin, of Hillsboro. Elder Simms performed the ceremony. After a sumptuous dinner the happy couple left for Greenville where they will spend their honeymoon, after which they will reside in Hillsboro where Mr. Griffin is a valued employe of the Pacific Coast Condensed Milk Company.

—Dozens of delighted eyes in Forest Grove look through Dr. Lowe's superior glasses, if you do not, consult him at the Hotel Laughlin. 19-1

MAY ELECTRIFY SOUTHERN PACIFIC

Ordered off Fourth Street Portland
Indicates New Mode of
Power

MAY PURCHASE LOCAL LINE

Work on Oswego Bridge Will be Re-
sumed When Heavy Trains
Will Enter by Way of the
East Side

Rumors have been numerous here for several days to the effect that the Forest Grove Transportation line in this city was sold to the S. P. company. Upon investigation it was found that such is not the case but it is not denied that a deal is pending. E. E. Lytle, of the P. R. & N. was in this city Tuesday upon such a mission it is said.

The following is taken from Monday morning's Oregonian.

Steam cars will be removed from Fourth street within one and one-half years from today. This was announced positively by General Manager J. P. O'Brien, of the Harriman lines, yesterday afternoon. Mr. O'Brien said he had been authorized by the Eastern officers of the company to begin work at once upon the Beaverton-Willsburg cut-off, over which, when completed, all the through West Side traffic of the Southern Pacific will come into Portland by way of the East Side or main line. The building of the cut-off and the bridge across the river at Oswego, about 11 miles in extent, will cost about \$800,000. Further than this, Mr. O'Brien declined to make any statement.

The company completed surveys and purchased practically all the right-of-way for the new line several months ago. At that time the Harriman people made an allowance of \$1,000,000 for its construction, including the amount in a budget of \$2,000,000 for separate improvements on lines near Portland. There was some difficulty in getting the right-of-way for a part of the line, and the purchase of the land was not completed until yesterday. Mr. O'Brien immediately notified the board of directors of his success in the deal and was authorized to begin work.

Just what will be done with the Fourth street franchise when the new line is completed is a matter of conjecture. Mr. O'Brien declined to discuss the subject. Other railroad men are more communicative. They say Southern Pacific engineers have been running over the line as far as Forest Grove with a view to electrifying it or reducing the grades so as to make the line suitable for gasoline motor cars, and that even now plans for a new power line are in the hands of the Harriman company.

According to the most authentic story the road will be electrified, first to Beaverton and then to Hillsboro and Forest Grove. The work, it is said, will be completed and cars ready to run just as soon as the trains move over the Oswego bridge.

Work on the bridge may not be begun for several months. River captains say that at the present stage of the river nothing can be done in the way of placing piers. According to their statement the company will not be able to do any work on the bridge until next February or March.

Thanksgiving Dinner.

The Colonial Hotel will serve a Thanksgiving dinner from 5 to 7 p. m. Harry Goff took sick suddenly Monday night and is confined to the house. He is reported better this morning.

Dr. Hin's, who has been sick for several weeks, is able to be out again.