

ACCOUNTS OF CITY TO BE AUDITED ONE YEAR BACK

At Meeting of City Council Tuesday Night Vote of Mayor Defeats Motion to Investigate Municipal Records for Past Four Years—Street Paving Bonds Sold.

By a vote of five to one, the Forest Grove City Council, in an adjourned session Tuesday night, authorized the auditing of the city accounts for the year 1912 only, and agreed upon Max Crandall, an expert accountant, to perform the work.

Will Go Back One Year.

When the matter came up for discussion, Councilman Wirtz moved that the books be audited for one year back. This motion was seconded by Councilman Barber. Councilman Goff immediately moved an amendment, extending the time back to the commencement of work upon the city water system, or about four years. This amendment was seconded by Councilman Starrett. A roll-call vote on the amendment resulted in a tie, Councilmen Wirtz, Barber and Johnson voting no, and Goff, Starrett and Todd yes. The deciding vote was cast by the Mayor, who voted no. The original motion was then called up and carried by a five

to one vote, Councilman Goff standing by his guns and voting no.

Expects Estimates Cost.

Questioned by the council before the above action was taken, Mr. Crandall estimated that it would take about ten days to expert the books for one year back, and about 30 days to go back four years. Mr. Crandall charges \$7.50 per day, which would mean about \$225 as the cost of experting the city accounts for a period of four years back.

Opinions of Councilmen.

In voting against the amendment, Councilman Wirtz said that he did not think the citizens of the Grove would sanction the expenditure, and Councilman Barber expressed himself as of the same opinion, adding that he did not think the people passed the resolution which calls for the experting of the books with a full understanding of its meaning, or the expense that would be incurred.

Councilman Goff said that he was absolutely in favor of having the books experted for at least a period of four years back, and that he believed such was the consensus of opinion of those who voted for the adoption of the resolution at the mass meeting preceding the election.

Improvement Bonds Sold.

At this meeting bids were received for the College Way improvement bonds. But two offers being received, one from Mr. Hendricks, of this city, for a \$500 bond and the other from the Warren Construction company, for the entire issue of \$2,386.25. It was suggested that possibly Mr. Hendricks might wish to take up the entire issue, and he was called up by phone and given an opportunity to do so. Upon Mr. Hendricks reply that he did not care for more than \$500, it was decided to accept the bid of the Warren Construction company, who offered par value.

It was decided to have the old water tower removed and a motion was passed authorizing the Recorder to advertise for bids for the same.

Salary Increase Made.

The matter of purchasing lots in the Congregational church square was laid upon the table indefinitely. The salary of Light Commissioner Fuqua was increased \$10 per month, and the council decided to retain the office of the City Recorder in the store room now used by Fuqua as an office and display room, paying a rental of ten dollars per month. This action was taken by the council because Fuqua refused to accept the appointment as Light Commissioner, unless the remuneration was increased to \$25 per month and the Recorder's office maintained in his store. The council debated the matter at some length, and finally arrived at the above decision, believing that the extra cost of the fuel which would be used in the city building on Council street would offset the rent paid for the Pacific avenue office room.

A communication was received from the Forest Grove Press, requesting an equal division of the city printing and publishing,

Samuel and William Muncy, 94, World's Oldest Twins



Photo by American Press Association.

SAMUEL AND WILLIAM MUNCY, aged ninety-four, are declared to be the oldest twins in the world. Their birthday falls on Christmas, and the one just past was made the occasion of a big reunion. They were born on the old Muncy farm at Babylon, N. Y., and they are still living there, hale and hearty, despite their great age. They posed for their picture, as shown above, with Samuel on the left and William on the right, during their recent birthday celebration.

NEW MAYOR AND COUNCILMEN ASSUME OFFICE AND PERFECT ORGANIZATION THURSDAY NIGHT

Committees Named and Appointive Offices Filled by Mayor and Ratified by Governing Body—Goff Elected President by Acclamation—Will Dispose of Old Water Tower.

Thursday evening the Forest Grove city council of 1912 assembled for the last time; the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was listened to, approved without comment and the council made its final adjournment. The chair of office was turned over to Mayor O. M. Sanford, by ex-Mayor J. A. Thornburg with a silent hand-clasp, the three new members of the council took the vacated seats of the former councilmen, and with the rap of pencil held in the hand of Mayor Sanford, the governing body of Forest Grove for the year 1913 was in session.

Organization Perfected.

The work of organization was immediately taken up and H. J. Goff elected president of the council. Mayor Sanford named the members of the various committees, and tendered the names of those whom he had selected to fill the appointive offices, securing an unanimous ratification in each case.

May Sell Water Tower.

A committee from the members of the Congregational church appeared before the council with an offer to sell the city a portion of the church property facing on College Way, almost directly opposite the Carnegie library, upon which to erect a city hall or other suitable building. This was taken under advisement, a decision to be rendered later. A request

which was referred to Councilmen Barber and Goff, the committee having those matters in charge.

Will Open Fish Market Here.

John Constantinos, who recently sold the Hillsboro restaurant, has decided that Forest Grove is a good place in which to live and

to the council for a price upon the old water tower, which stands on A street, was received from W. J. Good, and taken under consideration.

To Audit Accounts.

In line with the tenets of the resolutions adopted at the nomination mass meeting preceding the election, the newly appointed finance committee was instructed to find out the approximate cost of experting the city accounts, and make an early report.

Committees Appointed.

Mayor Sanford named the following committees:

Streets and Public Property, Councilmen Johnson, Todd and Starrett.
Printing and Purchasing, Councilmen Barber and Goff.
Finance, Goff and Barber.
Water and Light, Todd and Johnson.
Ordinance, Wirtz and Starrett.
Health and Police, Starrett and Wirtz.

Appointive Offices.

The following appointments were tendered and ratified:
Water and Street Commissioner, P. W. Watkins.
Light Commissioner, V. I. Fuqua.
Water and Light Collector, R. P. Wirtz.
City Attorneys, Hollis and Graham.
Chief of Police, not filled.

do business. Mr. Constantinos will open a fish market on Main street, near Pacific avenue and expects to be ready to serve the public tomorrow. The store room is now being equipped with the necessary shelving and counters, and the show window arranged with water-tight compartments for the display of sea food.

HOME INDUSTRY MEETING MOST COMPLETE SUCCESS

Representatives of Manufacturers' Association of Northwest and Prominent Citizens of Forest Grove Address Large Audience on State and Community Up-Building.

Forest Grove residents received a genuine treat Saturday night when they gathered in Vert's hall to the number of several hundred to take part in the "Home Industries" evening which had been arranged for. A number of out-of-town and local speakers were present, but unavoidable circumstances prevented two of the principle ones, Mrs. Sarah Evans, President of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs and Col. E. Hofer, President of the State Editorial Association, from attending.

Welcome by Mayor.

The meeting, which was for the purpose of telling the consumer of the merits of "Made-in-Oregon" products, of the possibilities of securing more local industries and of the necessity for cooperation in the up-building of the state as a whole and the community in particular, was opened by G. Edwin Secour, editor and publisher of the Forest Grove Press, who acted as Chairman. Mayor O. M. Sanford, in well chosen and appropriate words, extended a welcome to the "Home Industry" idea, stating that cooperation was necessary to success and calling attention to Forest Grove as a suitable point for the establishing of numerous industrial enterprises. Mayor Sanford in the course of his address of welcome, compared the high state of efficiency which community and state development had reached in the east to the apparent lack of the "get-together" spirit which prevailed in some sections of the west, placing the blame, not to the lack of initiative or willingness to progress, but to the general prosperity and opulence which was evident on all parts of the Pacific Coast.

"Oregon Country Life."

Mrs. Edyth Tozier Weatherred, representing the organization and publicity departments of the Oregon Manufacturers' Association, gave an excellent talk upon the advantages of country life in Oregon, calling attention to the rapidly increasing transportation facilities and the many miles of good roads being constructed, all tending to alleviate the disadvantages which at one time went with a home in the country. Mrs. Weatherred also spoke of the many "Made-in-Oregon" products which were at the command of the consumer, dwelling upon the importance of patronizing home industry in order that more manufacturers might be induced to settle within the borders of the state, thus building up an industrial center of worth and value. In closing, Mrs. Weatherred stated that the Oregon Manufacturers' Association was prepared to assist local people in every way in the securing of industrial enterprises and the up-building of the community.

Need of Local Payrolls.

Judge W. H. Hollis, state Senator from Washington county, next addressed the gathering upon the "Need of A Local Payroll", giving in a crisp, concise way an enumeration of the advantages offered by Forest Grove and the surrounding country to many lines of industry. Senator Hollis spoke of the milk condens-

er plant and of the new canning factory, and stated that the establishing of these two concerns should be but a wedge to the securing of other payroll producing industries, as this section of Washington county was capable of supporting many more lines of endeavor in various fields.

Miss Minnie Myers spoke briefly of the interest taken by the women of this city in the furtherance of the "Keep Your Dollar in Oregon" movement, adding that, if unable to secure "Made-in-Oregon" products to at least insist upon having goods manufactured upon the Pacific Coast. The meeting closed with a series of colored slides showing the various phases of road making, and illustrating numerous stretches of good and bad roads in this state and the state of Washington. J. S. Doolittle, connected with the Portland cement interests of Oregon, gave an interesting lecture in connection with the lantern slides.

DEBATE FOR DISTRICT CHAMPIONS SATURDAY

HIGH SCHOOLS TO CONTEST

The Dalles and Forest Grove After Honors—Girls' Glee Club Will Render Selections.

Saturday evening, in the Central school building, the debating teams of The Dalles and Forest Grove will contest for forensic honors. Forest Grove will support the negative in this city, and the affirmative at The Dalles, where Ruth Troutman, Glenn Morgan and Vinton Robinson will represent the Grove school. The home end will be upheld by Ella Garrigus, Tom Roe and Claud Hutchens. This debate will practically decide the district championship as Forest Grove has won from McMinnville High and The Dalles secured a decision over Oregon City. Two minor schools are still to be met, but no trouble is anticipated in securing an easy victory over them. The real contest lies between the Grove and The Dalles, and the question, "Resolved, That the Electoral College should be abolished and the President and Vice-President elected by direct vote of the people" offers exceptional opportunities for clean cut and decisive argument from both sides.

The Girl's Glee club and the High School band will furnish vocal and instrumental music for the evening, which is expected to be one of the most notable in the history of the debating league.

J. S. Loynes Fractures Rib.

Jas. S. Loynes, one of the proprietors of the Forest Grove Planing Mill, is confined to his home with a broken rib, sustained while climbing to the roof of the planing mill during the recent snow storm. Mr. Loynes intended to clean the snow from the roof and in endeavoring to climb up, slipped and fell across the edge, striking his side with considerable force, which resulted in the fractured rib.

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MACCABEES' SMOKER A MAGNIFICENT SUCCESS

MANY ATTEND AS GUESTS

Speeches, Songs, Music, Cards and Plenty to Eat and Drink Made Everyone Happy.

Good things to eat, the best of cigars, excellent instrumental and vocal music, talks by speakers of ability, and a general joyous time, was what the Knights of the Maccabees and their friends enjoyed Tuesday evening. A large crowd assembled in Odd Fellow's hall early in the evening, gathering in the general assembly room, where they were treated to a number of selections, vocal and instrumental, by the Walker Bros. F. W. Jones rendered several humorous selections, and excellent talks were given by Judge John Ditchburn, of Portland and State Commander J. W. Sherwood. Later the Knights and their friends adjourned to the dinner hall where cards and cigars helped to pass away the time until lunch, prepared by Steward Lennville and his assistants, was served. Sir Knight Carl Hoffman then took the boys to the Star theatre, where they witnessed a special production of "Kings of the Jungle," one of the best film productions ever shown in this city.

As a result of the excellent entertainment which was provided by the Knights, eight new members were secured, with a promise of more to come. Another entertainment and smoker is being planned for the latter part of February, which promises to be of an unique and interesting character.

Attended Funeral of Aunt.

W. W. Ireland, a well-known real estate operative of this city, was called to Independence last Saturday to attend the funeral of his aunt, Mrs. J. W. Leonard, who died recently at The Dalles.

Wm. Hardebeck, of Dilley, was a Grove visitor Tuesday.