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## COUNCIL EXTENDS TIME TO OWNERS

Property Owners Given Until  
Tuesday to Pay or Sign  
Contract

## PRIMARY PLAN PROPOSED

Hereafter Cement Walks Will  
Be Required on All  
Paved Streets

Last Tuesday the City Council met for a special meeting to pass the ordinance for this year's pavement assessments, but in order to protect property holders who have neither paid their assessments nor signed for the ten-year payment plan, and who would be forced to face condemnation proceedings if the ordinance had been passed, the time was extended one week. Carl Kumpe, of the Linden-Kibbe Company, expressed his approval of such action, altho his company was desirous of securing the bond issue as early as possible.

Prof. Bates addressed the Council for the Congregational Church, requesting that the hitching posts be removed from the parking on the east side of the Church block. Some discussion was created, as the Council wished to accommodate the farmers as much as possible, but also considered the rights of the Church. The matter was referred to the Street Committee for settlement.

The City Attorneys, Hollis & Graham, presented to the Council their written opinion in regard to the proper action to pursue in the claim against the city by Capt. Peeters for injuries claimed to have been received from a fall due to a faulty sidewalk. The opinion stated that it was not in the opinion of the attorneys the function of the City Council to pass upon such questions, which naturally should come before a court with powers to pass upon the facts and law of such cases. The opinion was ratified by the Council.

An ordinance was passed requiring cement walks to be constructed whenever and wherever the streets should be improved with hard surface pavement, to which was added an emergency clause making it immediately effective.

A warrant was ordered issued to the Linden-Kibbe Company for the amount of cash paid on the paving assessments for work done by that company this summer.

A request for a franchise to the Oregon Electric Railway Company to construct and use a sidetrack on the south side of First Avenue from A Street to B Street, signed by the property owners thereon, was tabled. The request was to locate the track on the sidewalk line, and met with the general disapproval of the Council.

An ordinance providing for a primary and general city election was discussed and the attorneys were instructed to complete the same for the next meeting, and the Recorder was ordered to immediately begin registration and to publish notice of same. It is planned to hold the primary convention on December 8, and the general city election on January 12, 1914.

The usual diet of peanuts was changed to almonds by Councilman Todd, to the approval and satisfaction of all present. The meeting was adjourned to next Tuesday.

## Ostrander Heads P. U. Students

Oct. 21.—The annual student body election for Pacific University was held Monday. Every office was hotly contested, and the result was in doubt until the last ballot was counted. Clinton Ostrander, '15, was elected president by one vote over Miss Ruth Thomas. Mr. Ostrander has always been a leader in student affairs. He is playing fullback on the varsity this year. He is president of the Associated Boy's clubs of Oregon. Mr. Ostrander is a graduate of Salem High school.

Warren Tupper, '16, was elected vice president by a good majority. He is assistant football manager for this year and a member of the Gamma Sigma society. For secretary, Miss Hester

Baines '17, received the largest vote, winning easily over Miss Ruth Harbison. Miss Baines is treasurer of the P. U. C. A.

Jay Austin, '16, was elected treasurer over E. O. Dibble. Mr. Austin is president of the sophomore class.

Mr. Ostrander was the only man elected on the "Progressive" ticket, the other officers being of the "Conservative" party.

The policy of the new president is for the discontinuance of the partisan idea in student body affairs, and for the appointment of officers on merit. He stands for the upbuilding of Pacific University and for plans to secure a larger enrollment for next year.

## Found Dead Man on Road

Last Tuesday while autoing to Portland Mr. and Mrs. John Thornburg and Mr. and Mrs. Harve Eakwin having their attention called to a man lying on the roadside, stopped and found the dead body of J. S. Dell. The Telegram says: Dell has been a sort of hermit, living on the farm of a Mr. Grant, on the Cornell road. Recently he has been drinking, and his actions have been peculiar. Yesterday Oscar Johnson and T. M. Fe Fretts, who conduct a dairy on the Cornell road, saw Dell lying in the road and eating the thick, heavy dust. Thinking that he was demented, the dairymen notified the police, and this morning Patrolman West was sent to investigate the strange actions of the hermit.

The officer found Dell where the dairymen saw him yesterday. He was dead. He had carefully crammed his mouth with dust, after swallowing quantities of it. The hermit had also filled his nose and ears, the fine particles of dirt completely shutting off his breath, and he died from suffocation. Nothing is known of his history. The remains are at the morgue, where an inquest will be held tomorrow.

## BANKS FIRE BURNS HOTEL

Property Is Complete Loss, but Is  
Partly Covered by Insurance

BANKS, ORE. (Special to the PRESS.) Last Friday night the Banks hotel, saloon and restaurant, owned by J. M. Miller, burned to the ground, the loss amounting to between \$7000 and \$8000. There was about \$2,500 insurance on the entire property.

It is thought the fire started from a little heating stove which was in an old house standing just back of the hotel.

Between nine and ten o'clock Mr. Miller went from the hotel into the back room to put the dog out, and saw the reflection of light on the window and as he opened the door to go into old house the flames burst forth upon him. He attempted to put out the fire but was unsuccessful and narrowly escaped being burned by the paper falling from the ceiling on him.

The hotel was well equipped with a good water plant, and 21 rooms well furnished. An addition to the building was finished last June. The only articles saved from the fire was two or three chairs, the cash register and the clothes which the parties wore.

The local fire department are not fully organized and ready for action but are to be praised for the efforts and good work they did in attempting to extinguish the flames.

Mr. Paul, an employee of Mr. Miller was sleeping on the third floor and it was with difficulty he was aroused to escape by way of a ladder over the front porch. He threw his clothes out the window and dressed after he got down. One boarder also escaped with only the clothes he wore. Mr. and Mrs. Miller came to Banks about six years ago and engaged in the hotel business at that place. Mr. Miller had been a railroad man but because of poor health he was forced to give it up and engage in another line of business, and the loss of this property means much to him and his family.

Mrs. Miller said, "Be sure and tell the people how thankful we are for their friendship and sympathy and for what they have done."

## Swats Flies and Breaks Arm

BANKS, ORE.—A most peculiar accident happened to one of Banks' business men Saturday. Ed. West, confectioner, was in the act of swatting flies when he struck his arm against a showcase and broke the bone above the elbow. He now carries his arm in a plaster cast.

## WILL INVESTIGATE MERITS OF COMMISSION FORM OF CITY GOVERNMENT, WHETHER OR NOT ADAPTABLE TO THE NEEDS OF FOREST GROVE

In response to inquiries by the editor of the PRESS, many citizens and several members of the Council have expressed their opinion that they believed Forest Grove should adopt a commission form of government, if such a business government would economically, efficiently and adequately care for the interests of the city. Our present charter is certainly inadequate to guide the administration of the growing city of Forest Grove. Since its adoption this city has undergone wonderful development, and the present prospects for much future growth are excellent. It is not right to ask capable citizens to donate their energy and time to the extent required of the present councilmen. Neither can they give as detailed nor attentive care to the city's needs as should be given. The present position of councilmen is a thankless job, without remuneration. They are usually forced to accept the position. Altho having business interests of their own that they cannot entirely neglect, that they do so to a great extent is evident by the good the present council has done and is doing. At that, however, their interests being divided, they cannot administer as efficiently to the needs of the city as if it was their sole business.

Mayor Sanford said, "I will gladly appoint a committee of citizens, if such is desired, to investigate the various city governments and to report their findings as to what seems to them to be the best plan of government suitable to Forest Grove." The Mayor said that he was heartily in favor of considering a change in the present charter, and that the commission form seemed to him to be the proper city government.

Attorney Graham said that to him mind, "The commission form was the proper way of carrying on a city's business."

Councilman Starret said that he believed that if the managerial form of government was adopted that a good

manager would more than save his salary each year in buying alone. He believes that a change is needed.

Councilmen Wirtz and Goff both expressed their doubts as to whether it would not cost more than the city could afford. Judge Hollis expressed a similar view; but stated that if some plan could be formulated that would not encumber too much expense, it would secure a more efficient administration of the city's affairs.

### City Manager Plan

The new city manager plan of commission government which provides for a well paid manager to look after the administrative affairs of the city is now being tried with excellent results, and minimizes the expense of city government. In it a small number of commissioners (three generally) are elected by the people to care for the legislative requirements. These commissioners serve for a nominal remuneration and are made directly responsible to the people by the recall, and their acts are subject to the referendum. Their acts are required to be all public and their meetings are held at any time they see fit. These men appoint a city manager who is directly responsible to them for the administration of their orders. He appoints all necessary subordinates, who in turn are directly responsible to him. The city judge, however, is appointed by the commissioners. All expenditures of funds are required to be reported in a shape as to be readily understood and the same to be made public at least monthly. There are many other details, but the above in essence are the principal characteristics of the managerial commission form of government. It centralizes responsibility, guarantees efficiency, and minimizes expense. There may be some much better form desirable for this city, however, and it seems that it would be the proper action to request the Mayor to appoint a com-

mittee to investigate the best possible government for this City, and to recommend its findings, after a thorough discussion, to be adopted in the form of a new charter.

Forest Grove is rapidly becoming a city of considerable size and importance and can no longer consider itself a country village. We are facing the issue of a sewer system, more street improvement, and many other municipal problems that will require a great deal of time and consideration, and we should equip ourselves with a city government that can handle city matters in the future with the greatest possible efficiency. The PRESS will be glad to receive communications on any and all phases of this question from any citizen.

To help stimulate this discussion the PRESS is offering a valuable prize for the best discussion of this question by a High School student, and the honor of publishing his or her article.

### Debate Planned

Arrangements are being made to have the question debated between the literary societies of Pacific University. Resident Bushnell gave his support to the proposal, and in addition said that in Appleton, Wisconsin, where he formerly lived for several years, that the commission form was working with entire satisfaction. Appleton is not much larger than Forest Grove.

The PRESS is not advocating the adoption of the charter of any other city, but under the generally admitted facts that a change is needed wishes to stimulate the discussion and desires to see Forest Grove adopt the best possible system of government suited to our own individual needs.

## BURGLARY AT GASTON

A Few Papers and Three Dollars  
All That Is Missing

GASTON. (Special to the PRESS)—Three buildings were entered and robbed last Friday night. The Southern Pacific depot, R. D. Brown's lumber office, and J. S. Wescott and Sons General Merchandise store. The window of the S. P. depot had been pried open and the fastener broken but nothing was taken as the till was empty. About \$3.00 was taken from the lumber office and at the store several valuable papers are missing. The sheriff and a detective are on the job but as yet no information in regard to the thieves has been reported.

## RECALLS DAYS OF PAST

Early Bill of Sale for one Billy Snowden, of Color

In the recorder's office of Washington county, at Hillsboro, is rather a queer instrument of reflection at this time. Being a bill of sale for a colored boy of eleven years of age of Roy county, Missouri, we quote part of same; Know all men by these presents that for and in consideration of the sum of \$500 to me in hand paid by Jane Thomas, late Jane Snowden, a free woman of color, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have bargained, sold and delivered to Jane Snowden, a free woman of color a certain negro boy slave named Billy, etc." Same quotes further that this legal paper is made to gratify said Jane Snowden, mother of Billy etc., as she is wishing to immigrate to Oregon territory. This unusual paper of record was recorded during W. S. Caldwell's time as a scribe and recorder, being recorded in 1:52 on the 17th day of December.

## MARRIED

HART-MILLER.

October 16, 1913, at Hillsboro, by the Rev. Clarence Cook, of the Hillsboro Baptist Church, James Hart and Katherine Miller. Among those present were C. C. Hancock and Dora Fischer.

FLETCHER-DELSMAN.

October 15 1913, at Hillsboro, by the Rev. Father Lappen, of the Hillsboro St. Matthew's Church, Chas. Fletcher and Elizabeth Delsman. Mr. Fletcher is from Multnomah County and Miss Delsman is one of the best known and talented young ladies of Hillsboro.

## GRANGE RESOLVES TO SUPPORT FAIR

Joint Meeting of Gale and  
Pomona Granges Well  
Attended

## SEE SCHOOL AND CANNERY

Ten Members Given Degree of  
Grangers, and Excellent  
Program Enjoyed

Pomona Grange was in session with Gales Grange at Forest Grove, Oct. 22. The forenoon was spent in business of the Grange and congratulation and a remembrance was sent to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Schofield on their golden wedding day. Mr. and Mrs. Schofield have worked in the grange for the past forty years.

After dinner the meeting was called to order and a short business session then a short program of music and a very interesting address by Dr. Bushnell of Pacific University was given. In his address he stated he had been in several different states yet he believes "Oregon to be the best state in the Union." He then spoke of the advancement of the means of farming as well as advancement of all other lines of business.

The Grange then visited the new High school and the cannery. They passed the following resolution:

Whereas a very successful and creditable county fair was held on the Washington County Fair Grounds at Forest Grove this fall, notwithstanding the fact that a beginning was not made until very late in the season, and, Whereas we believe the exhibitions when properly conducted are of great value in promoting better agriculture. Therefore Washington county Grange commends the manner in which the fair was conducted and recommends that the farmers of the county lend to the fair their hearty support in the future.

A short literary and musical program was given in the evening and degrees were given to a class of ten.

## Registration Over

South Forest Grove according to the registration books just closed contains a plurality of Prohibitionists. In North Forest Grove, Wirtz registrar, the summary of the registration was as follows total 212; woman 99; men 113; Socialists 2; Republican 107; Democrats 46; Prohibitionists 22; Independent 16; Progressive 4. The women registered largely as independent in this precinct.

In South Forest Grove, Manche Langley registrar, the total registration was 216. Miss Langley states that she believes the majority in her precinct were women and that the Prohibitionists were in the plurality.

It was predicted that the registration of women would be much greater than the men but such was not the case. Registrations for the general election for 1912 qualify voters for the coming special election provided they still live in the same precinct. Any qualified resident whether he or she has registered for either the elections will be permitted to vote at the coming election upon the affidavit of six freeholders.

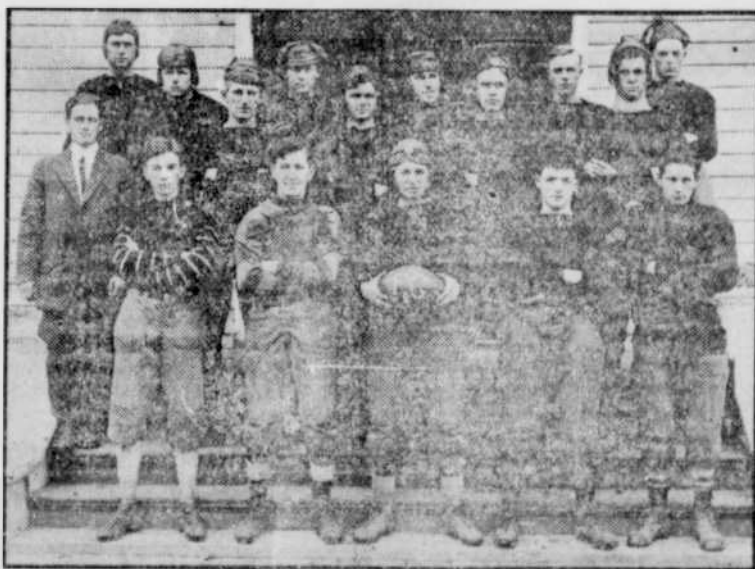
## Preparing Commercial Club Feed

The next event of importance will be October 31, at 7 P. M., when the Commercial Club will give its banquet. An excellent program is assured, details of which will be published later. Tickets can be had from the following:

Forest Grove National Bank.  
First National Bank.  
Hollis & Graham.  
News-Times Office.  
Hoffman & Co.  
Littler's Pharmacy.  
Homer C. Atwell.  
Alfred E. Hart.  
T. J. O. Thacher.

FOREST GROVE COM. CLUB,  
Alfred E. Hart, Secretary.

## McMinnville Defeated for First Time--10 to 0



Forest Grove High school's champion warriors defeated the McMinnville braves for the first time of the long rivalry between the two schools by the decisive score of 10 to nothing.

The local squad showed good form throughout the game and altho outweighed about ten pounds to the man took the offensive from the beginning. Only once, during the first half was the ball dangerously near the home goal when for several minutes it seemed that McMinnville was going good for a touchdown; but the local boys braced and held for yardage and Todd punted out of danger once for all. The first score was made when Todd sent a beautiful drop kick over the goal from the thirty yard line, in second quarter. Clare Walker made the touchdown toward the second half by completing a forward pass play.

The Forest Grove backers were wild with enthusiasm by the conclusion of the game and the victors were fairly carried off the field.

There was one accident in the game when G. Mardes of McMinnville broke his arm. Dr. Tucker who set the arm

says it was a simple break and there will be no serious consequences. It was caused chiefly from physical exhaustion.

Those who by general assent played the strongest game right thru were: the ends, Taylor and Hay, and "Babe" Ireland, left half, who made big yardage. Walt Taylor also put up a pucky fight.

"Nig" Corpron starred for the McMinnville team by making brilliant and tricky plays. W. B. Gaunt of Portland umpired, and Howard Taylor of P. U. refereed.

The lineup for the home team was: Taylor and Hay, ends; Walker and Thompson, tackles; Todd and Cantrell, guards; Doane, center; W. Taylor, quarter; Norton and Ireland, halves; Miller the captain, fullback; with Kirry, Swanson and Jones, subs.

The lineup for McMinnville was: Little, Mardes, ends; Sitton, Manning, tackles; Miller, Brisey, guards; J. Manning, center; Corkron the captain quarter; Snyder, Bills halves; Nunn, fullback; with Mardes, Locke and Wood subs.