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The city council met in regular session last Tuesday evening with all members present except Councilman Wirtz.

The chief business discussed was the matter of accepting or rejecting the new sewer system. The report on the proposed gas franchise was not ready. The matter was discussed but action deferred till the called meeting for Friday evening, October 13th. Mr. H. W. Strong, representing the Portland Gas and Coke company, was present and explained the merits of gas as a cooking fuel, as well as the different phases of the proposed franchise. Mayor Paterson said that, as the next city election is so near, he thought it would be a good plan to put the matter of granting the franchise up to the people.

Messrs. Elliott and Scoggins of the Elliott Construction company, the sewer contractors, were present to press their claims. They were evidently not in a conciliatory mood and meant business. Mr. Elliott first spoke. He talked plain indeed and wasted no words in stating the company's position in regard to the way the city of Forest Grove had held up the settlement of the contract. He said it had been nearly a year since the work had been begun and nearly three months since the last of the digging had been completed, or since the system was practically ready as it had only been minor details that they had been finishing up since. His talk was brief, but to the point and it was evident that he was hiding his real feelings by sheer will. In closing his remarks he explained that they were now held up in the work of flushing out the remaining sections of the sewer that the city engineer had complained of in his recent report, by the lack of water, owing to the break in the city water system, a thing for which the city could not hold them responsible, and stated in a positive way that the company insisted upon definite action of some kind by the city council—either the acceptance or rejection of the sewer system; and threatened "to protect our own rights" if the city failed to take some definite action at once. This was followed by a warm argument that became more heated as it progressed, the principals being Councilman McCready on the one side with Councilman Coon and City Engineer Kirkwood on the other side. The city engineer came in for a severe grueling, while Councilman Coon took his part. Mr. Elliott got to his feet two or three times more, adding to the argument that centered around the city engineer's part in the sewer controversy. Mr. Scoggins then got up and emphasized what his associate had said in even more plain language, his words burning with cutting sarcasm, aimed at the council in general and the city engineer in particular. It was plain that it was difficult to hide the tempest that seemed to be raging within. He pointed out in detail the minor faults found in their work by the city's engineer that held up the settlement of the contract, faults

that he claimed were either due to conditions beyond their control, such as the settling of the ground in a place or two, where they had to fill in, or to the poor advice of the city's inspectors, under the supervision of the city engineer. He was particularly hard on the city engineer, restating what the company claimed before that some of the work complained of "was not done according to our way of doing the work, but was done as the city engineer insisted that it should be done." He said that the company therefore was not responsible if the work was not satisfactory in this regard and that they would not stand the responsibility.

In his remarks he roasted the city engineer severely and closed by saying that "if we have to protect our rights—as we surely will do—I promise you, gentlemen, that we will show up the engineer right." He did not sit down, but walked to the door, followed by Mr. Elliott, leaving the scene in the unmistakable mood of men who had their minds made up beyond being influenced by further discussion. It was meant as the final effort for a peaceful settlement with the city.

The discussion then centered around the matter of a law suit. After considerable discussion the council finally instructed the city engineer to go over the repairs made by the company at the request of Mr. Coon and Engineer Kirkwood, at once, and when he was ready for their personal inspection every man on the council would go over the job and see for themselves. The motion included a called meeting for Friday night, at which time they would try to decide whether or not to accept the system, as the final decision was clearly in favor of a settlement of the matter out of court, if possible. It was a late hour when the meeting adjourned, but Councilman Coon had left early in the evening, evidently tired of the wrangling.

A Noted Speaker Here Next Tuesday

Tuesday, Oct. 17, at 10:00 a. m., the Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. will hold a joint meeting in the college chapel, which will be addressed by Rev. Frank Knight Sanders of New York City. Dr. Sanders has had wide and varied experience and the Associations feel that they are fortunate in securing him as a speaker. He was born in Ceylon and afterwards returned there as an instructor in Jaffna College. He is a graduate of Rippon College and received the degree of Ph. D. from Yale University. He was for four years Dean of Yale Divinity School, three years secretary of the Congregational Publishing Society, six years President of Washburn College, Topeka, Kan., and since 1914 director of the Board of Missionary Preparation of New York City. He is the author of a number of Bible texts. The people of Forest Grove are cordially invited to hear him.

A report was received here the first of the week that a baby boy had been born to Mr. and Mrs. H. Price of Portland. Mrs. Price was formerly Miss Jennie Rasmussen of this city.



First Church of Christ, Scientist, now nearing completion, Corner A Street and Pacific Avenue. Photo by Bryant)

P. U. Football Team Makes Good Beginning

Last Saturday the P. U. team played their first game when they held the heavy Multnomah team down to a score of 6 to 0. As everyone knows, the Multnomah Amateur Athletic club team is always considered one of the strongest teams in the northwest, if not the strongest. The Portland game was witnessed by a goodly number of P. U. fans, who yelled lustily for "Old Pacific." The game was, as the Oregonian stated, "a hard fought game from the first." They were not expecting what they got. Four of the Multnomah men were disabled and they had to put in four new men during the game. No substitutes were used by Pacific. The heavy line and backfield expected to tear holes in the Pacific line, but they came near meeting their match when they got up against this year's team from Pacific. With thrill-producing plunges and forward passes to combat, the M. A. A. C. team was only able to make one lone touchdown. Multnomah relied upon old-style football only. This year Pacific has one of the heaviest and most promising teams in years and they expect to also give Willamette a surprise. When that is done an old score will have been settled that will make the hearts of all happy and old P. U. will once more be "on the map" right. Under the able and encouraging leadership of Lucas, the new captain of the football team, together with the systematic drill of the new coaches, Professor Handlin, coach, and Professor Gilmer, assistant coach, both experienced men who thoroughly understand the work, the outlook for this season is bright.

The schedule of games is not yet made out. Probably no game will be played next Saturday. The schedule will be announced in these columns next week. The present lineup is as follows: A. Jones, R. E. L.; Walker, R. T. L.; Barendrick, R. G. L.; Smith, C.; Romig, L. G. R.; Livesay, L. T. R.; L. Jones, L. E. R.; Fowler, Q.; Lucas, L. H. R. and captain; Irle, R. H. L.; Stanley, F.

George Rasmussen was elected manager of the team this season. The orchestra organized at the College under the direction of William Wallace Graham held its first rehearsal last Monday evening with sixteen members enrolled. A great deal of enthusiasm was shown and a good rehearsal was the result. It is hoped that many more will avail themselves of the opportunity of this superior training and that an orchestra of real merit may be built up in which the citizens of Forest Grove may be justly proud.

Return of Pastor Heartily Celebrated

In the neighborhood of 200 members and friends of the Forest Grove M. E. church gathered at the church parlors Tuesday evening to celebrate the return by the Oregon conference of Pastor R. E. Dunlap for another year. Mrs. M. Stephenson, past president of the Aid Society, was master of ceremonies and the exercises opened by a prayer by Rev. Chandler H. N. Robinson delivered an address of welcome, in which he reviewed some of the reasons why the members were so pleased to have Rev. Dunlap returned. He mentioned, among other things, that but one other church in the district (Salem) stood higher in finances and membership than the Forest Grove church.

Rev. Dunlap, in his reply, indicated that he was as glad to remain as the members of the flock were to have him.

Thos. E. Isaacs sang a solo. Mrs. Dopp gave several selections from the writings of James Whitcomb Riley and Miss Craft favored the audience with several violin solos.

A fine lap lunch followed the program and the company spent the remainder of the evening visiting and getting better acquainted. It was a deserved tribute to one of the most popular ministers in the Salem conference.

A Musical Treat Tomorrow Night

Forest Grove music-lovers will enjoy a feast tomorrow (Friday) evening if they go to Marsh Hall, where Miss Helen Calbreath, pianist; Miss Evelene Calbreath, mezzo soprano, and Mr. William Wallace Graham, violinist, will give a musical program of unusual merit.

Miss Helen Calbreath is a graduate of Peabody Institute, Nashville, Tenn., was Dean of Willamette University in 1906; studied in Berlin in 1907 and traveled Europe in concert with Alberto Jonas in 1908.

Miss Evelene Calbreath studied in Berlin in 1907-8; in London in 1909 and for the past five years has been a student of F. X. Arens and teaching in New York City.

Mr. Graham is the head of the violin conservatory at Pacific University and is one of the most finished violin artists in the Northwest. This is an opportunity for local people to hear some high class music at popular prices.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Allen and Mrs. Secour and son, Edwin, Gertrude Allen and Margaret McFeeters motored to Cedar canyon Sunday.

Congressional Candidate Lambasts Amendment

Mark V. Weatherford of Albany, democratic and prohibition nominee for congress from this district, addressed a fair-sized crowd at the M. E. church last Sunday, explaining the provisions and probable effect of the amendment to the constitution of Oregon on the liquor question—known as the Brewers' Amendment. The amendment repeals all laws now in existence on the liquor question and gives the brewers almost unlimited rights and privileges. Mr. Weatherford, who is a practicing attorney, interprets the law to mean that, so long as liquor does not contain more than four per cent of alcohol (and few beers contain that much), it can be sold by the manufacturer (through agents) anywhere in the state to "any persons or individuals," which definition includes minors, as well as adult drunkards and idiots. The speaker said the proposed amendment would bring conditions a hundred times worse than existed under the license system which the people had voted out of existence.

The amendment carries a repealing clause, which repeals all state laws and city ordinances in conflict with its provisions.

The speaker did not once mention the fact that he was a candidate for congress, which is so unlike the average candidate as to deserve special mention.

Pioneers Will Organize

At a meeting of pioneers of Washington county, held in Hillsboro last Thursday, W. N. Barrett of that city and E. W. Haines and Ira Purdin of this city were elected a committee to draft a constitution and by-laws for the proposed organization, which will take in persons who have resided in Washington county since 1876. Two hundred and thirty pioneer citizens registered for membership. W. N. Barrett presided and when his committee is ready to report he will call another meeting.

Woman's Club Meeting

The Forest Grove Woman's club held its first regular meeting of the club year at the Congregational church parlors Monday afternoon with a very good attendance. There was music, the greetings of President Mary Farnham, which were very cordial and full of interest to the members. The reception to the president followed and showed a close bond of fellowship between that officer and the members. The members of the executive board had charge of the meeting.

Football Next Saturday

The first football game of the season, for this city, will be fought out between the Forest Grove High and Newberg High on P. U. field next Saturday, at 3 p. m. Newberg is coming strong, but the local gladiators are undismayed and promise to give a good account of themselves. Admission will be two-bits.

William Dickson, for the past three years a resident of this city, leaves Saturday to spend the winter with a son at Seattle, where he will also take treatment for his failing vision.

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