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STREET IMPROVEMENTS AUTHORIZED

FIRE ESCAPES ORDERED FOR ALL HOTELS

CLEAN-UP DAY APRIL 3RD

Three New Fire Hydrants Are Ordered Placed Where Much Needed.

An adjourned meeting of the city council was held Tuesday night and a good batch of business was attended to, mostly in the nature of the passage of various ordinances relating to proposed street improvements.

Report of the proceedings follows: Fire and water committee recommended that hydrants be placed at the corner of M and Sixth streets, at the new high school building and at A and Tenth. The report was adopted and the hydrants will be put in.

Monday, April 3, was designated by the council as the day when the city will furnish teams for the purpose of carrying away rubbish. All brush and litter that can be burned must be disposed of by owners.

Ordinance 465, requiring all doors of public buildings used for public purposes to open outward, and providing for violation a penalty of not less than \$10 nor more than \$100, or from 10 to 25 days in jail, or both, was passed and goes into effect in 30 days.

Ordinance 466, providing that hotels and lodging houses within the corporate limits be provided with proper fire escapes, rope and other safety appliances, was passed. This ordinance carries the same penalties as Ordinance 465.

Ordinance 467, providing for an alley in block 2, in Miller & Company addition, was passed.

Ordinance 468, relating to the improvement of A street, beginning at the end of the macadam and extending east to city limits, was read twice and referred to street committee. The ordinance provides for an expenditure of \$5244.96, but the same may be modified, as there is objection to the cost.

Ordinance 469, providing for the opening, laying out and establishing of an extension to Foundry street, was passed.

Ordinance 470, relating to the improvement of Seventh street, beginning on the south side of M and extending to Rogue river, by grading and establishing granite sidewalks, the estimated cost to be 1548.40.

An ordinance relating to the improvement of Eighth street, beginning on the south side of M and extending to Rogue river, by grading and providing for granite sidewalks, at an estimated cost of \$1619.90.

The council adjourned to meet on Thursday, March 30.

MISCREANTS DAMAGE CITY PARK PROPERTY

Some vandals entered the city park a short time ago and did a large amount of damage to the public swings. Eleven of the iron pipes which form a part of the swing were torn loose and twisted out of shape and the swings put out of commission. Five of the "see-saw" boards were carefully sawed on the under side in the center and then the parties who perpetrated the crime sat on the ends of the boards and broke them in two. The damage done is being repaired at a cost of \$40 or \$50. Captain Boynton has an idea who did the mischief and they will be arrested and prosecuted to the limit if they can be proven guilty. The city authorities will do their best to break up the gang of overgrown "hoodlums" who infest the park and these young scoundrels will be taught a lesson that they will not soon forget.

A. B. Williams and family went to Merlin Thursday, where they expect to reside permanently.

REALTY BOARD HOLDS INTERESTING MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Grants Pass Realty board held Tuesday evening in the Commercial club rooms was well attended, all the larger firms being represented.

The board is already proving a great help to real estate business in many ways. By far the most important thing accomplished is the adoption of a plan providing for the exclusive listing of properties by one agent at a time. This is a custom which is in successful operation in nearly all of the large towns and cities on the coast and in other parts of the country. The plan is working out here with general satisfaction to all parties concerned. Persons desiring to sell run no risks of disputes about commissions, and agents feel much more free to incur expenses of advertising and showing property.

Property owners as a rule have taken kindly to the proposition, realizing that they can expect better service from an agent with a comparatively small list of saleable property than from one who fills his book with everything which comes in for sale and is never absolutely sure, especially in times of activity, of being able to deliver any particular piece of property.

A special and very important meeting is called for next Tuesday evening, to be held at the Commercial club rooms, and it is urged that every firm be represented.

H. C. Sparlin, of Williams, was a business visitor to Grants Pass Wednesday.

A. E. Harris and wife and son, S. A. Harris, were among the home-seekers who were looking over this part of the country Wednesday. The family comes here from Pipestone, Minn., and will spend several days looking over Grants Pass and the surrounding country. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Stewart and son are also spending several days here for the purpose of viewing the Rogue River valley. They come from Akron, Colo.

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING OF AUTOMOBILE CLUB

Pursuant to the call published in The Courier the members of the Josephine County Auto club met in the parlors of the Commercial club yesterday afternoon in an enthusiastic meeting that was well attended. Reports from several working committees were read, among the most interesting of which was that of the membership committee, which reported reported 27 new members, making a total membership of something over 35. The matter of an emblem for use on cars of the club was taken up and decided upon, the same bearing the inscription "Josephine County Auto Club, 1911." A joint meeting of the local club with that of Medford was arranged, for the purpose of consulting with the county courts of Jackson and Josephine counties in an endeavor to have the respective courts of these two counties put in good shape the roads along the Rogue river running from Medford to Grants Pass.

Next Saturday it has been arranged to have a sort of old fashioned road making bee, with the auto enthusiasts of this city all in evidence. A trip will be made over the roads in this vicinity, all ruts and ditches filled, stones and other obstructions removed and the roads so far as possible put in fair shape for travel. The members of the club will start early in a body and keep the good work up till their enthusiasm gives out.

J. T. Tuffe, treasurer, resigned on account of business that would take him away from the city a great part of the summer and Dr. Sawyer was elected to fill the vacancy.

J. E. Platt, of Clark, S. D., president of the Security bank at Clark, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Geo. C. Ebin, and will probably spend several weeks here. This is Mr. Platt's second visit to Grants Pass, and it is needless to say that the climate appeals to him.

S. T. Scott came up from Glendale Wednesday to spend the day with friends. He returned in the evening to his home.

TWO-STORY REINFORCED CONCRETE FOR GARAGE

F. B. Olding on Wednesday started work on the foundation for a garage on the lot adjoining the rear of the Bannard furniture store, and facing D streets. The building will be 48 by 82 feet, two stories high, and will be made of reinforced concrete, with handsome front. The lower floor will be in use as the Olding garage and will have a capacity of 25 machines, besides repair shop. The upper flat will be fitted up as high-class bachelor apartments.

Fred Smith, who recently came to Grants Pass from Sand Point, Idaho, has the contract for putting up the building and he is to have the lower floor ready for occupancy in 60 days, and the whole work completed in 90. Cost of construction \$3000.

In the past three and one-half years Mr. Olding has made the Maxwell car very popular, first by his superior skill in driving, and later when he placed a number on the market and each one of them proved trustworthy. This season several Maxwells have already been delivered and there are others on the road.

FORMER OMAHA MAN BOOSTING FOR CITY

Geo. J. Fox, of Omaha, Neb., is one of the recent arrivals here, and after six months of investigation in Washington and Oregon has concluded that Grants Pass and Josephine county come nearer containing all of the good features that make life worth living than any place he has visited.

Mr. Fox spent five months in Washington and fully investigated all of the leading fruit districts there, such as North Yakima, Wenatchee, Lake Chelan and Spokane projects; also Oregon from Portland to Ashland, but Grants Pass looks best to him—and he has already shown his faith in the city by joining the Commercial club, and with R. L. Burdick, of Ashland, has purchased the E. L. Blanchard place of nine acres on North Tenth street, which they expect to put on the market soon in acre tracts.

Mr. Burdick is a capitalist and old resident of Ashland and is very strongly impressed as to the future of Grants Pass and may conclude to move to this city.

RENE BARRIER ECLIPSES AVIATOR McCURDY'S RECORD

HAVANA, Mar. 23.—Eclipsing the time recently made here by Aviator McCurdy, Rene Barrier today flew from Camp Columbia to Morro castle, in competition for the Aero club's \$3000 prize. He did the 13 miles in 15 minutes and 31 seconds, a full minute and a half faster than the time made by McCurdy.

W. B. SHERMAN ANNOUNCES PLAN SIMILAR TO THE HOMESTEAD LAW

W. B. Sherman, in his ten years of residence in Grants Pass has inaugurated a number of boosting plans which have been of untold value to this section in the way of development, and he now comes forward with a plan which seems to outclass all the others in its effect toward the development of the lands which are now covered with brush and are not only unproductive but a drawback to the community. Some of the features of his plan are as follows:

No payment down and no payment until the end of the sixth year. The owners will furnish abstract, showing good title and give warranty deeds and take a mortgage for the full value of the purchase price due on or before six years, with interest at 6 per cent, payable quarterly.

These lands will be divided and sold mostly in ten-acre tracts. Each purchaser will be required to expend \$1,000 on his 10 acres during the first year in clearing, plowing, planting, fencing, leveling for irrigation, building, etc. These are the only requirements. This system of selling will be quite similar to the provisions of the government homestead law.

Mr. Sherman started here in the

COMMIT DEPREDACTIONS AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

School boy pranks have been indulged in at various times during the present school year, but on last night the depredations at the high school reached a point which the authorities class as the acts of criminally inclined hoodlums. The first thing to meet the eye of the janitor as he opened the school house this morning was red paint in the halls and on the stairs. Further inspection disclosed red paint on the blackboards, on the walls and windows—red paint everywhere. In the high school assembly room books and papers were scattered over the floor. When the students began to arrive there was consternation and the task of gathering books and restoring them to their owners was made almost impossible by the quantities of red pepper which had been sprinkled through the books and in the desks. Not alone were the pupil's books molested but the teachers' books received the same treatment and some of the records were destroyed and other records stolen. It is stated that there must have been not less than five gallons of red paint smeared throughout the building and several pounds of red pepper.

To repair the damage done will cost the district a considerable amount, at least one or two hundred dollars it is figured. The paint when discovered was thoroughly dry and the walls and blackboards will have to be repainted, and to remove dried paint from a hundred or more panes of glass is no small task.

A meeting of several members of the school board was called and the whole situation was gone over and it is the opinion of members that the perpetrators of the outrage, if caught, should be punished to the full extent of the law. There are at least three counts, it is claimed, on which penitentiary offense can be charged—house-breaking, defacing a public building and destroying and stealing property—and it is intended that those who had a hand in last night's deviltry will feel the strong arm of the law.

CONSPIRATORS TO FORM COTTON POOL INDICTED

NEW YORK, Mar. 23.—United States Judge Noyes this afternoon overruled demurrers interposed by attorneys for James A. Patten, Eugene Seales, Frank Hayne, William Brown and Robert Thompson, who have been indicted for conspiracy to monopolize interstate trade by conducting the cotton pool last summer. A motion to quash the indictments was denied.

The Courier job-print shop for classy job printing.

GREAT ACTIVITY IS MANIFESTED IN MINING

This spring, if reports are true from all mining sources, the activity in mines, the development and general interest in large undertakings along these lines, is quickening into a big movement that is drawing capital to this section and promises to bring Josephine county prominently to the front as a mining district of vast wealth.

A representative of The Courier on the round for news this week dropped into the office of Earl V. Ingalls. Mr. Ingalls has but recently moved into the Calvert-Paddock building and has an assay office and chemical laboratory that is extensive and complete in all details. He has recently added a lot of chemicals and laboratory apparatus, among other things an apparatus for testing cement and asphalt.

In discussing the future of mines in this district, Mr. Ingalls was very optimistic and states that there is great activity in this important industry; that good ore bodies are being discovered and that, judging from the enthusiasm of the miners and the large number of old properties being reopened, the outlook for a fine season's work has not been better in years. If the general public could see the large batches of gold that are cleaned up and melted into bullion in this particular office the fallacy that Josephine county has ceased to have heavy producers would soon vanish.

Mr. Ingalls' office is but one of several in the city, all of which are having as much as they can do.

Mr. Ingalls said:

"Since the early forty-niners traversed the hills of this vast country in a wild rush for the hidden treasures of the mountains, the Grants Pass country has been known as a great storehouse of mineral wealth. The search then for gold was of a superficial nature, as has been generally conceded, and today the mining industry in this part of the state is in fact just in its infancy, so far as real development is concerned. This is becoming more and more an established fact."

BANQUET TO HIKER AND TELEGRAM PARTY

The Telegram hiker, Godfrey Rodrigues, walking from Portland to Medford, about three days behind his schedule, having lost time on account of the bad condition of the roads and having been lost and walking about 30 miles out of his way and losing many hours of time. On reaching this city the walker and the Telegram party, in their E-M-F pathfinder car, were met by members of the Jewell Hardware company and invited to a banquet with the mayor and council, newspaper men and owners of E-M-F cars. During the early part of the evening all who cared to ride were taken for a spin about the city.

It was at first announced that "Rod" was asleep at the Grants Pass hotel, and as he was quite weary his manager thought best not to disturb him, but a few minutes after 9 o'clock he appeared at the Jewell hardware store, having been routed out by an irate lodger who had bought for the remainder of the night the cot he had been occupying. The guests were taken to the "Good Eats" cafe and about 40 sat down to the banquet. Mayor Myers and Rodrigues at one end of the long table and Toastmaster A. C. Hough and Mr. Hazen of the Evening Telegram at the other. At the end of the last course Mr. Hough called on the mayor, who in a few words welcomed the party to Grants Pass. The Hollander was then called upon and he spoke very interestingly for a few moments of his trips through the various countries of the Old World and the United States. Mr. Hazen then told of his trip from Portland and the condition of the roads along the route of travel. He stated that in Multnomah county the roads approaching Roseburg and for about 10 miles before reaching Grants Pass were the best on the route, but through the Pass Creek canyon and between Drain and Oakland they were the worst that could possibly be imagined. They carried with them ropes and pulleys, saw and axe, and all had to be used, besides fence falls and old trees, to pull the car

JAPAN TO WITHDRAW FROM MEXICO

HEREAFTER TAKE NO PART IN MEXICAN AFFAIRS

CONTROLLED THE ISTHMUS

In Consequence of Mobilization of Troops Secret Treaty is Abrogated

WASHINGTON, Mar. 23.—Sweeping assurances that Japan will withdraw entirely from Mexico and hereafter will take no part in Mexican affairs, it is said here today in diplomatic circles, were given yesterday to President Taft at his conference with Baron Uchida, the mikado's ambassador to the United States.

Dispatches received today from Mexico City confirm this. They state that, as a consequence of the naval and military mobilization, a secret Japanese-Mexican alliance has been abrogated.

It is definitely known that President Taft and Ambassador Uchida agreed upon what statement of the imbroglio was to be made public and, naturally, each announced friendliness for the other's country.

In spite of this parade of attachment, it has been learned that a secret Japanese-Mexican treaty, the existence of which officials of both nations publicly denied, was framed last April by a special Japanese agent and that the United States has since that time been watching the course of events with increasing displeasure. Under this agreement Japan practically controlled the isthmus of Tehuantepec and all the ports of western Mexico below Guaymas. Finally, ten days ago, the Pacific Mail Steamship company, realizing the futility of competing with the Japanese on the coast of Mexico, announced its withdrawal of ships from Salina Cruz, the terminus of the Tehuantepec isthmus railway.

The secret Japanese agreement, it is said by diplomats, related chiefly to trade relations, and through them opened the door of Mexico to Japan. The pact was such that it could easily have been made the basis for a stronger alliance. This was what the United States feared and it was the prospect which induced President Taft to smash all precedent and order the mobilization which blocked Japan's scheme.

out of mud holes or to make roads passable. He also spoke of the need of accurate sign posts. At some places the signs pointed in exactly the opposite direction from that intended.

Mr. Bissell, staff photographer, spoke of the scenery along the route and stated that the most magnificent views could be had between Glendale and this place.

Geo. A. Gibson, of Detroit, driver of the car, stated that he has driven pathfinder cars in all sections of the union, but on this trip he encountered roads that for badness outclassed anything he had ever before seen.

Dr. Smith, member of the legislature from this county, told of the good roads movement and the work of the legislature passing the good roads bills which the governor afterwards vetoed.

L. L. Jewell, to whose enterprise the banquet was due, N. G. Pike and Auditor Opdycke were called upon and made appropriate remarks.

A flashlight picture of the gathering was taken and the guests departed, Rodrigues to secure a few hours rest, Hazen to write his story and Bissell to develop the picture, and then to make a 2 o'clock start on the last stretch of the 330 mile hike.

They arrived at Medford a short time before 10 this forenoon, when it was found that the boys had made a mistake, as they were said to be headed for the metropolis of Southern Oregon and did not find out till they reached Medford that they had been banqueted in the metropolis along about nine the evening before.

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