

## PROTEST AGAINST CITY HALL PLAN

### COMMERCIAL CLUB NAMES COMMITTEE TO DRAFT PROTEST.

### CLUB AND COUNCIL CLASH

Committee Also Appointed to Confer With and Assist Grange Fair Directors.

Committee to draw memorial of protest regarding city hall: R. W. Clarke, W. C. Lockett, H. L. Gilkey.

Committee to Confer With Officials of Grange regarding fair: J. G. Riggs, W. S. Maxwell, G. W. Donnell, L. L. Jewell, E. L. Churchhill.

At the regular meeting of the Commercial club last night President Hobart changed what had promised to be a session of dull routine into one of animated interest by a short "address from the throne." He said that while he believed in conciliation to the greatest possible extent in all matters, that there were times when conciliation ceased to be a duty, and then he was ready to take off his coat and fight. He added that the time had come for the taxpayers of Grants Pass to fight, and cited the letting of a contract for the construction of a city hall as the occasion for protest.

As one of the specific reasons for protest Mr. Hobart, emphasizing a point made by the secretary in his report, called attention to the fact that the city council had specified a particular kind of brick manufactured elsewhere for use in the construction of the hall, thus putting local made material out of business, and giving the specified material no competition.

H. L. Gilkey of the First National bank, at once took the cue from President Hobart, and in a brief address summed up the situation as he viewed it, the following being the substance of Mr. Gilkey's remarks: "This whole city hall transaction has been characterized by its unbusinesslike methods from start to finish. We had a city hall which had recently been remodeled at considerable expense so that it was fairly comfortable and convenient, not only for all the city offices, but for the fire department as well. This building was centrally located on the main street, which is paved and lighted. Some little revenue was also being derived from the rental of a portion of the lower floor.

"But our city council was not satisfied with the conditions, but proceeded to force a sale when real estate prices were at their lowest ebb. The price received was not more than sixty or seventy per cent of its true value. Then in great haste plans were made for a building to cost double what the old building brought, which, with other necessary expenses such as additional real estate, pavements, walks and equipment, will amount to fully three times the selling price of the old building. To cap the climax, the specifications call for certain materials which would have to be shipped in at great cost, and are no better than materials to be had of home manufacture.

"If this is not just cause for the taxpayers to interest themselves and subject the council to the criticism of those who pay for this folly, I misunderstand the functions of the city council. I think it is time for us to do something more than petition, if such petition meets with as little consideration as some of our former petitions."

Mr. Gilkey was followed by R. L. Coe, who indorsed all that had been said by the former, and wanted the taxpayers to interest themselves more in the manner and matter of

## GETTING READY FOR ROSE FESTIVAL IN JUNE

Next month comes the entertaining Rose Festival in Grants Pass. Already, there are many residents preparing for the event and it is expected that the celebration this year will surpass by far all of past seasons.

An important meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary was held May 4, when arrangements were completed for the Rose festival. The president, Mrs. S. F. Cheshire, appointed the following committees:

Hall and decorations—T. P. Cramer, Dr. E. N. Bywater, A. C. Holcomb, Royal Whitmore, E. L. Coburn and Mesdames H. P. Tracy, R. L. Bartlett, F. Coron and J. H. Williams.

Finance—Sam Baker, R. K. Hackett, Mesdames Demaray and Henkle.

Advertising—E. E. Rorapugh, Mesdames Rorapugh, Conklin, Clements and Norton.

Street and business houses—Mesdames George P. Jester and Fred Williams.

Carnival queens—Mesdames J. F. Burke and Elmer S. Heath.

Luncheon—Mesdames E. C. Macy, George Riddle and F. W. Reed.

Rose festival ball committee—C. L. Cleverger, Clyde Martin, Mesdames R. L. Demaree and S. Rowell.

Entry—Mesdames C. L. Cleverger, A. B. Cornell and J. E. Hair.

Soliciting and collecting roses—Ward 1, Mrs. George Sablin, Misses Mildred Churchill and Eldry; Ward 2, Mrs. Ament, Misses Edna Cornell and Hazel Williams; Ward 3, Mrs. Walter Coutant, Misses Evelyn South and Josephine Moss; Ward 4, Mrs. Eyenson, Misses Arline Sweetland and Moore.

Auto Committee—R. W. Clark, Cook, L. Coburn, Mesdames Fred Williams, H. L. Wilson.

Parade—R. E. Kroh, W. B. Sherman, F. H. Applehoff, Mesdames C. F. Nutting, E. T. McKinstry, L. L. Herrick and J. E. Gardner.

Children's parade—Mesdames H. N. Starr, C. H. Woodward, Mollie Belding and W. R. Field.

Soliciting prizes—C. H. Woodward, Mesdames J. O. Gibson and C. L. Hobart.

Soliciting of vases—Mesdames Hermann, Carl Stutenroth and G. H. Carner.

Entertainment—Mesdames A. A. Ingalls, Baker, Blake and Miss Ethel Palmer.

Cleanup—Mesdames W. R. McCracken, W. A. Fuller, R. A. N. Reymers, Beckman and O. F. Wittorff.

Roll call was responded to by quotation in verse upon spring. Mrs. A. S. Barnes and Miss Genevieve Partillo furnished vocal numbers for the program and Mesdames J. F. Burke, Joseph Wharton, O. F. Wittorff and Williams served refreshments.

## MYRIAD OF INCUBATOR CHICKS ARRIVE SAFELY

It was a scramble Friday evening to get a collection of those one-day old White Leghorn chicks which arrived on No. 16 from California. The 4,500 birds were distributed to 18 persons as follows: M. C. Dague, J. Harper, Willford Allen, U. S. Maxwell, Mrs. Reynolds, F. Debusk, J. C. Johnston, A. E. Voorhies, W. R. Brower, Mr. Kirker, Frank Smith, Mr. Court, of Murphy; Irving Kesterson, Messrs. Winters, Melkle and Courtney.

M. L. Opdycke, who was to take 500 chicks, was so generous in allowing others to get in the harvest that he found himself at the wind-up with only 88 birds; and these 88 he allowed to go. Judge Opdycke stated that 5,000 additional chicks could have been distributed that evening, so eager were the poultry breeders, "great and small" to get a portion.

In addition to the 5,000 chicks to arrive here May 22, there is another shipment of several thousand soon to follow.

The birds arriving here Friday evening were in good shape and the loss in dead ones was infinitesimal.

## RICH GOLD MINE AT KERBY SOLD

### TENNESSEE GULCH PROPERTY GOES TO PORTLAND PEOPLE.

### PRICE QUOTED AT \$40,000

Mine Will be Installed and Development Work Pressed by New Owners.

One of the biggest mining deals of the season was closed in this city yesterday when Husselet and Wagner sold their Tennessee Gulch property to parties from Salem and Portland, the price realized being quoted at \$40,000.

The property sold is at the mouth of Tennessee gulch, tributary to Josephine creek, in what was one of the richest placer districts of the early days. It consists of free milling quartz, having three distinct leads, upon one of which a body of exceptionally rich ore was struck during the past winter, this strike having brought it into public notice, and being responsible for its present purchase by the investors from the north.

The mine is one of the old-time prospects upon which a great deal of work was done before the rich vein was found, although it has made good returns in the yellow metal through ground sluicing. Three tunnels have been driven a distance of 500 feet on the veins, in one of the tunnels ore returning values of \$100 per ton being struck.

Tennessee Gulch was the scene of some fabulous strikes in the earlier days of placer mining, parts of this gulch, and of Josephine creek, of which it is a tributary, paying at the rate of \$2,000,000 per mile. For years the search for the mother lode has been pursued, and the purchasers believe they have it now located on their new property.

The eagerness of capital to invest itself in Josephine county mines is shown by the fact that other parties were expecting to get this same property, and reached Kerby day before yesterday, only then to learn that it was being taken over by others. C. L. Mangum, the mining expert, says that there never was a time when Grants Pass was so filled with mining men looking for investments as at present. He states that there are now four men here who left the mining fields of Mexico because of the continuous wars there, and that they would henceforth operate in the Grants Pass district. Letters just received by Mr. Mangum announce the coming of another party from Mexico, to arrive here about the 22nd inst.

The new owners of the Tennessee Gulch mine will install machinery at once, and proceed with the development of the property.

### BLAZE RESULTS FROM CROSSED WIRES.

As the result of the falling of a telephone wire across one of the high power wires of the Rogue River Electric company, a blaze resulted at 11:30 today in the electric company's office in this city, and burned a hole through the roof of the little building on E street between Sixth and Fifth streets.

Quick response was made by the fire department, the auto engine snorting up to the scene almost before the people of the downtown district could get a look at the speeding red engine.

It was stated at the office of the company that as the result of a charge of dynamite fired in work near the Ament dam that a telephone wire passing by and fastened to a tree became dislodged and fell across the power wire. Immediately a sheet of flame burst out in the office here.

The power was shut off for about an hour and a half as a result.

## FOURTH CAR TAKILMA ORE GOES TO SMELTER

Loading in the Southern Pacific yards is the fourth car of copper-gold ore from J. O. B. Gunn's mine at Takilma. All day Saturday there were teams coming in, and at times there were several waiting their turn to unload.

It was estimated by a mining man who is familiar with the values of the ore that the four cars will return a total of \$10,000.

It is expected that quite a number of pounds of rock from this mine will be secured for exhibition at the Southern Oregon and Northern California Mining congress, to convene at Yreka, Cal., June 18.

As the stiff prices now ruling in the copper market has stimulated the copper mining world to action, it is the belief that other owners of copper properties in this county and Curry county will bring in exhibits for the purpose of advertising their holdings. All will be welcome.

The ore going to the Kennet smelter from Gunn's mine is as handsome sulphides as has ever been sent out of the county. About 50 teams are now employed.

## WOULD GO TO 1915 FAIR ON ELECTRIC CARS

B. H. Guthrie, connected with a Portland wholesale house, was in the city yesterday, being enroute home after making a trip from Portland to Oakland, California, to study business conditions.

"I expect to be able to go from Portland to San Francisco, through Grants Pass, on an electric line when I go to the big exposition in 1915," said Mr. Guthrie, who seemed confident in the belief that plans were already laid for the completion of an electric railway up the Willamette and through the Umpqua and Rogue valleys to the big city to the south.

"Business of all kinds is on the improvement," continued Mr. Guthrie. "You have the climate, the scenic surroundings, the mines, the fertile soil, and water for irrigation, that will make of this valley one of the most prosperous districts of the west, and recovery here from the period of business depression will be rapid."

### W. C. T. U. LECTURER TO SPEAK SATURDAY.

Mrs. Jackson Silbaugh, national organizer and lecturer for the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, will speak at 8 o'clock Saturday evening in the opera house in Grants Pass.

Mrs. Silbaugh is one of the best speakers sent out by the national W. C. T. U., she is the wife of a prominent Seattle lawyer and her close association with her husband has given her a legal knowledge of the temperance question that is not equalled by any one of the speakers to be secured in Oregon. She was one of a dozen persons who secured by personal investigation the knowledge of conditions in Seattle which finally resulted in the recall of Mayor Gill.

Mrs. Silbaugh organized the women for the election and was one of the election officers, thus giving her a special insight into that great struggle.

The women of Grants Pass will be addressed by Mrs. Silbaugh Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the court house, her subject for that hour being equal suffrage.

### Woman's Leg Broken Below Knee—

Mrs. E. R. Miller, who was so painfully injured in an accident while driving last Friday, is recovering as rapidly as the nature of the injury will permit. Mrs. Miller was driving with her husband along the river road near the county ferry, 13 miles down the river, when the horse became fractious while going down a hill and Mrs. Miller attempted to leap from the buggy. In making the jump her left leg was thrust through the spokes of the wheel, and both bones were fractured just below the knee. Mr. Miller quieted the horse so that the expected runaway did not occur.

## CITY HALL PLANS ARE CHANGED

### COUNCIL BACKS UP ON THE CONTRACT LET.

### NEW PLANS CALLED FOR

Interesting Session of City's Legislative Body Held Last Night.

There will be no new city hall built from the plans recently adopted by the city council, or at a cost in excess of the amount received from the sale of the old city property.

This much was assured by action of the council last night when it rescinded the contract which it had attempted to give to A. J. Green, returned him his certified check, and instructed the city auditor to advertise for competitive plans for a combined city hall and fire station to cost no more than the amount available from the fund already provided for that purpose.

The question involving the building of the new city hall, which has been the chief topic under discussion in Grants Pass for a month past, was first brought up in the session of the council last night when the resolution from the Commercial club, was read. The reading of the document had no apparent immediate effect on the members of the council occasioning no discussion other than the remark, "I'll take good care of that—don't you ever doubt it," made by Chairman Daniels, of the Judiciary committee, as he stowed the paper away in an inside pocket when it was referred to his committee. At little later, however, Councilman Clark asked for an adjournment for five minutes that the council might go into executive session in the auditor's room. The mayor declared a recess for the period of time asked, and for some fifteen or twenty minutes the curtain was drawn. Shortly after the re-appearance of the councilmen upon the scene a second resolution was presented, signed by Councilmen Stricker, Everton and McLean, reading as follows:

"Whereas, the bids for the erection of a new city hall are in excess of the funds provided for that purpose, therefore be it

"Resolved, That the proposal of A. J. Green be not accepted, and that the auditor and police judge is hereby authorized to return his check. Be it further

"Resolved, That competitive plans be received for a combined city hall and fire house, and that no plan be in excess of the amount in the power of the council to appropriate for that purpose be considered."

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote, and without discussion other than the opinion from City Attorney Colvig that the Green bid had been accepted only provisionally, and that the contract between the city and Mr. Green had never been fully completed.

The auditor was authorized to return to Mr. Green the certified check which had accompanied his bid on plans previously proposed, and to immediately advertise for competitive plans for a structure to come within the amount of available cash.

In connection with this the mayor stated that inasmuch as he had realized the incompleteness of the Green contract, and as he as mayor did not propose to sign the contract, he had already authorized the return of the check.

And with that the new city hall made of brick of Portland manufacture, passed into history, and a new deal was called. But not, however, till a resolution presented by Councilman Stricker and adopted by the council, had provided for the transfer of the money realized from the sale of the city property into the general fund, where it will remain until

## Y. M. C. A. IS TO BE INSTITUTED IN THIS CITY

(From Wednesday's Daily). Plans for the institution of an active Young Men's Christian association in Grants Pass were formulated last night at a union meeting of the men's brotherhoods of the various city churches, and the machinery for its successful operation was set in motion.

The action of the union meeting came through the adoption of the report of a previously appointed committee, approving the plan for what is known as a non-equipment Y. M. C. A.

Under this plan, which was outlined by I. B. Rhodes, state secretary, who visited the city a couple of weeks ago, such equipment as is available in the city is made use of, the energy and finance for the initial two years going to engage and support a resident secretary of force and character who will build up the association, and firmly establish it before the erection of a building is undertaken.

To carry on the work for the first two years, the committee estimated that \$1,800 per annum would be required. Last night's meeting, in adopting the report, authorized the appointment of a board of seven members to make active solicitation for funds to carry on the work for the first two years. This committee will be named later.

The plan of having the public schools make use of part of the time of the man engaged for the association secretary was advanced by the committee, the idea already having been presented to and considered by the school board. This plan was to appoint the association secretary also as physical director for the city schools, a portion of his salary, say \$600, to come from that source, although there would be no connection or conflict between his duties as Y. M. C. A. secretary and physical director for the schools.

The school board has announced its willingness to put this plan up to the citizens for ratification or rejection, at the June school election.

Regardless of what the patrons of the school might decide along this line, however, it was the consensus at last night's meeting that a Y. M. C. A. will be organized and maintained, and solicitations of funds will at once be undertaken to that end.

needed in actual construction work on whatever plan is finally adopted.

An advantageous sale of another block of Grants Pass Improvement bonds was made last night, when the bid of a Toledo, Ohio, firm for bonds issued for improvements on 7th, 8th, 1 and 4th streets, was accepted by the council.

The bonds, issued in the amount of \$16,147.85 for work to be done on the streets mentioned, were taken by Terry, Briggs & Slater at par, with accrued interest and a premium of \$50. The only other bidder was the Security Savings and Trust Co., also of Toledo. The latter people bid par, accrued interest and \$15 premium.

There was a great deal of routine business before the council last night in addition to the sale of the bonds above mentioned, and the action on the city hall matter.

Ordinances specifying what would constitute an acceptable tile, as to strength, thickness, etc., for use of the city, was read and referred to committee. There was an ordinance covering both vitrified and cement sewer tile, the requirement being the same as to ability to bear weight, absorb water, etc.

### Prohibits Cigarette Sale.

The ordinance prohibiting the sale of cigarettes to persons under 21 years of age was up for final action, and as passed it prohibits the sale of cigarettes to any minor. Councilman Clark wanted to amend the ordinance to make the age limit 75 instead of 21 years, but his amendment got no second.

An ordinance regulating rates to be charged by water companies for connecting private services with the mains was defeated. Under the provisions of the ordinance a maximum charge of \$50 could be made for each connection. An amendment to make

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