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CITY TAKES OVER PUBLIC MARKET

INSTITUTION NOW UNDER MUNICIPAL CONTROL

POLICE OFFICER IS MASTER

Ordinance Providing for Transfer Is Adopted by Unanimous Vote of Council

The Grants Pass public market is now a municipally-owned institution, the city council at its meeting last night having taken it over from the committee of citizens under whose management it had been initiated and controlled to this date. An ordinance had been introduced at the previous meeting of the council providing for the transfer of the market to the city, and this came up for final action last night. A. E. Voorhies, representing the committee of citizens which had fostered the market thus far, addressed the council, and explained the measure of success that had attended the enterprise. He showed that, aside from the salary that had been paid a market master, the institution had been self-supporting, the rents of stalls meeting the minor expenses. He presented figures showing that the farmers had sold for cash \$1,253 worth of produce during the 16 market days, and that patronage was increasing, it having met with popular favor. It was proposed that in taking the market over the city assume only such of the expense of its installation as was represented in the permanent improvement of the building in which the market is conducted, about \$62.

The adoption of the ordinance was approved by all the members of the council and it was given an unanimous vote. Under the provisions of the ordinance a member of the police force is to be detailed as market master, to be appointed by the mayor, and Acting Mayor Caldwell named Police Officer Maxwell to serve in the capacity till the mayor makes permanent appointment. The bill for permanent improvements of the market place was allowed.

Municipal Employment Agency
Among the ordinances introduced and read the first time, to come up for final action at the next session, was one providing for the establishment of a municipal employment agency. Should this be enacted into law the city auditor would be required to keep a record of all parties seeking employment as well as those who wish help, and to post the lists in a conspicuous place. No charge would be made for bringing employer and employe together.

After the Dogs Again
An ordinance that would cause dog owners to sit up and take notice should it ever run the gauntlet of councilmanic approval was introduced and read a first time. Under this proposed law the tax on dogs would be \$2 if paid by February 1, and \$5 if paid after that date. There are also other provisions to the ordinance, some of which land delinquent dog owners in the city bastille for varying periods of time if violated, and as there are dog owners on the city council it is a safe bet that the ordinance will be carefully scrutinized when it appears for final action at the next meeting.

Library Question Discussed
Councilman Porter, of the special library committee, reported that the committee had not yet arrived at a basis of action regarding the settlement of the differences between the private library association that is now using one of the rooms in the city hall and the public institution that was waiting the use of the rooms for the installation of its library, and more time was asked and given. This committee was authorized at a previous meeting to prepare the rooms for the reception of the free public library.

O. R. Swearinger petitioned the council for permission to erect an

LAST OF APPLE AND GRAPE CROP IS SHIPPED

The apple crop of the valley is now all in the warehouse, and in another week will practically all have been shipped out of the country. Seven cars have left the local warehouse during the past week, and another one is loaded awaiting orders, and two more are in the house ready to be loaded out the first of the week. There are all told only about fifteen carloads yet held in the Grants Pass district, these being largely of the Ben Davis and Winesap varieties. The Newtowns were all shipped two weeks ago, and only one or two cars at the most of Spitzenbergs remain. The market has been a little slower the past week than previously, but the association has had no trouble in placing the fruit at good prices. The bulk of the local shipments are still being made to the south, San Francisco now taking a good many. The local association has made shipments of apples from Riddle, in the Umpqua valley, having been able to sell more than the local supply could accommodate.

The grape season is also drawing to a close, and the most of the vineyards are now through picking. The grapes are showing a stronger market, and now sell at \$1.25 per crate, f.o.b. Grapes have sold well all the season, the valleys to the north having taken all the local output.

JORDAN GULCH PLACER MINE IS PURCHASED

Messrs. Geo. Speake and J. M. Turnbow, former residents of Palouse, Wash., were in the city Wednesday from the Grave creek district, where they have just closed a deal for the purchase of the Jordan Gulch placer mining property from Frank Stevenson. This property comprises 119 acres, including some rich placer ground as well as agricultural acreage, and will be developed by the new owners. There is already upon the property much piping and a hydraulic "giant," and some valuable finds have been made upon it, Mr. Stevenson having found a nugget at one time that weighed 1 1/4 pounds.

The new comers from eastern Washington are greatly pleased with conditions in the Rogue valley, especially with climatic conditions.

ROSENCRANS FINE SET ASIDE BY GOVERNOR

The petition forwarded to the governor of the state asking for the remission of the fine of \$25 assessed against Ben Rosencrans, who pleaded guilty in Justice Holman's court to violation of the state fish law, was granted. Word was received from Salem Thursday of the action of Governor West. Rosencrans was arrested on complaint of Deputy Merrill for fishing within the prohibited distance of the old dam below town, and he entered the plea of guilty rather than stand the expense of trial. The county attorney and others were not satisfied that Rosencrans had violated the law and joined in the petition to the governor.

electric sign before his saloon on H street, the sign to read "Intoxicating Liquors." The petition was referred to the license committee.

City Attorney Colvig reported on the application of G. Huber for rebate on liquor license that under the ordinance the city could not make such rebate.

An ordinance was introduced providing for the issuance of the bonds, in the amount of the estimated cost of \$1991.65, for the improvement of Josephine street. The treasurer was also authorized by resolution to transfer \$1,000 from the current expense fund to the bond interest fund.

A balance of \$200 due Albert Anderson & Co. on street grading was ordered paid, and a quit claim deed was ordered executed on the application of A. L. Scoville for property formerly deeded by Scoville for street purposes and not used.

A special meeting of the city council was held Monday night at which the ordinance providing for the issuance of the \$200,000 worth of bonds authorized by vote of the people was passed. The ordinance re-

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ASK LOWER RATES ON STEEL RAILS

CITY BEGINS ACTION BEFORE RAILROAD COMMISSION

AGAINST THE SOU. PAC. CO.

Want the Present Rate of \$92 Per Car From Portland Cut to \$30 Minimum Load

The papers have been served upon the Southern Pacific officials in the action being brought by the city of Grants Pass before the state railway commission seeking a reduction of the freight rates on steel rails and structural iron from Portland to this city. This action was authorized by the council some time ago, but before commencing suit the city attorney took the application for the reduction up directly with the railroad company. The attorney addressed a letter to the general manager of the company, stating that the city was building a railroad leading out of Grants Pass toward the coast, and that ten miles of the grade was now about ready for the rails. That the freight rate of 46 cents per hundred pounds on these rails from Portland to Grants Pass was deemed excessive, and asking that the company make a material reduction in the same.

Wednesday morning H. A. Hinshaw, representing the freight department of the road, and J. M. Scott, general passenger agent, were in the city, and interviewed City Attorney Colvig regarding the request made in his letter, explaining that the freight tariff schedule as made was not deemed excessive and could not be changed, glad as they would have been, of course, to make concessions to the city of Grants Pass in its purpose of building a road.

Immediately following this refusal on the part of the company's agents for relief, the notice of the petition to the Railroad Commission of Oregon was served on the local agent of the Southern Pacific Company, and action from the commission will be obtained as rapidly as possible. The petition to the commission asks that a reduction on the rate be made from 46 cents per hundred pounds to 15 cents, with a minimum carload of 20,000 pounds. It recites that the present rate is exorbitant and excessive, and its enforcement works a great loss and hardship upon the city of Grants Pass. A copy of the letter written to the Southern Pacific people is attached to the petition, as is a statement of the action of the company in dealing with the request.

Under the rate on steel rails and structural iron as now in force, the city is forced to pay \$92 per car of the minimum of 20,000 pounds for the 300-mile haul from Portland to Grants Pass. The city attorney in his argument to the railway officials called attention to the great difference in the rates as they apply to rails shipped in for the building of this municipally-owned road and the cost of transporting other commodities. As an example, he quoted cement, upon which a rate of \$2 per ton is made for the same distance, or \$20 per car, as against \$92 per car for the steel. He also showed that the expense to the company in the transporting of the steel was much less, with but a fraction of the liability. The rails are carried on flat cars, loaded and unloaded without cost to the company, and with no chance for loss by breakage or theft or fire. Cement, on the other hand, must be carried in box cars, and is a constant menace to the property of the company. It was also argued that the rate on rails from Chicago to Portland was but a fraction of the rate from Portland here. But the officials were dumb to argument, hence the petition to the state commission.

The state commission will set a date for the hearing on the action,

INSPECTOR OF DAIRIES INVESTIGATES CREAM SUPPLY

State Dairy Inspector W. B. Duncan has been in the county during the past few days making official inspection of the dairies of this district, and has just completed his work in the Applegate valley. Thursday he visited the Rogue Valley creamery in this city, and while the factories themselves do not come directly under his supervision, he had many compliments for the local institution. He says that he notes great improvement in the methods of handling milk and cream upon the farms and dairies, and that the most of the cream that comes to the creameries now is produced and handled under the most sanitary methods. Mr. Duncan's duties take him to all the producers of cream, and where proper methods are not employed he instructs in the method to be followed. If his directions are not adhered to in future, prosecution follows, the state insisting that food stuffs offered for sale be clean and wholesome.

The present week will be the best yet at the Rogue Valley creamery, the output being heavier than in any previous week. The first churning on Monday produced 700 pounds of butter, and Friday's churning will be a record breaker. The farmers in the immediate vicinity of Grants Pass are now sending in more cream, and the territory is constantly being extended. A large amount of Deer creek cream is being received this week that has previously gone elsewhere, and other districts are likewise increasing their shipments. The butter is yet all used locally, and the buyers are showing loyalty to the home product. The factory is paying 33 cents per pound for butter fat, a price approached by few creameries in the west.

DWELLER OF THE "JUNGLES" IS ACCUSED

B. G. Harmon, a dweller of the "Jungles," was brought to Grants Pass Tuesday morning from Wolf Creek and given a preliminary hearing before Justice Holman on the charge of having broken into the depot at Wolf Creek Saturday night and stolen therefrom a case of condensed milk and a 15-pound bucket of spiced herring consigned to Wolf Creek merchants. Harmon was arrested with the goods upon him, and was brought here by Special Agent Burns of the Southern Pacific. The station agent and a number of other citizens of Wolf Creek were here as witnesses at the examination. The prisoner was bound over under bonds of \$200.

ASK CITY TO TAKE OVER PUBLIC MARKET

The regular weekly meeting of the "Rogues" was held at the Commercial Club last night and was attended by an even dozen of the boosters, who spent an hour or more discussing matters of general improvement, principally the public market. It is probable that the public market proposition will be taken over by the city and conducted under the city government. A committee was appointed to present the matter at the next council meeting.

Fred Osborne, the Holland booster, appeared before the committee and told of the advantages of the Illinois valley, and made an appeal for co-operation. Mr. Osborne is a booster all the way through and his talk was a pleasant diversion from the routine of business.

Joseph Moss made application for membership and his name was accepted as a member of the "Rogues."

Railroad Officials Here—

John M. Scott, general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific Company, and H. A. Hinshaw, of the freight department of the same company, were in the city over Tuesday night, leaving Wednesday morning for Roseburg.

and both the city and the railroad company will be represented by attorneys, upon whose presentation of facts and arguments will be based the finding of the board. The action will be hastened as rapidly as possible, as the city is now nearly ready to use the rails and the structural iron for bridge building.

BRAKEMAN KILLED BY TRAIN ON S.P.

E. B. McALLISTER OF ROSEBURG THE UNFORTUNATE MAN

UNDER WHEELS OF FREIGHT

W. D. Turner, Another Roseburg Brakeman, Lost Right Leg In Accident at Merlin Monday

E. B. McAllister, brakeman on a special freight, was killed early Tuesday morning at Dimmick siding, just west of Grants Pass by falling beneath the wheels of his train. The special was ordered to take the siding at Dimmick and allow the regular No. 220, northbound, to pass. It is supposed that McAllister attempted to jump upon the pilot of the second engine on his train after switching and that he slipped, falling beneath the wheels. He was dragged along the middle of the track to the switch, where he caught in the frog and was literally ground to pieces by the wheels of the cars. The body was brought to this city and an inquest held Wednesday morning.

McAllister was a young man, only 21 or 22 years of age, and resided at Roseburg.

The dead man leaves a father, three sisters and a brother at Roseburg, and the funeral will be held there. The remains will be taken to that city tonight, the father having arrived this afternoon to accompany them home.

Brakeman Turner Loses Foot

Another Roseburg man, brakeman on a special freight southbound, lost his right leg earlier in the night by falling beneath his train at Merlin, this accident occurring at about 9:30 o'clock Monday evening. W. D. Turner was walking along the top of the cars when he fell in some unaccountable manner between two of the cars and the right leg was so badly crushed just above the ankle that amputation of the foot was necessary. The left foot was also severely lacerated, but will suffer no permanent injury. The injured man was taken aboard the train and hurried to the South Pacific hospital in this city, where he was given immediate surgical care. He is 28 years of age.

+ PROCLAMATION BY GOVERNOR WEST +
+ It is an apt custom that has +
+ chosen the autumn time for our +
+ Thanksgiving. It is the seasonal +
+ threshold betwixt the day of +
+ activity and evening of intros- +
+ pection. +
+ How fitting it is, then, ere we +
+ go on, that we hesitate, con- +
+ sider and give our thanks to +
+ Him who is Almighty, for what +
+ of good we have been enabled +
+ to accomplish and for the priv- +
+ ilege of future endeavor. +
+ Our thanks should specially +
+ be rendered on high that the +
+ season has been most bounti- +
+ ful; that our nation these past +
+ 12 months has been spared the +
+ burdens and horrors of war, +
+ and that it has been blessed +
+ with a statesmanship to lead the +
+ toilers and those of great wealth +
+ unto a better understanding. +
+ For these and the manifold +
+ blessings of a free people, it is +
+ meet that we give united re- +
+ membrance to our Father. +
+ Now, therefore, in accordance +
+ with a time-honored custom, I, +
+ Oswald West, governor, by vir- +
+ tue of the authority in me vest- +
+ ed, designate Thursday, Novem- +
+ ber 27, 1913, as a day of public +
+ thanksgiving throughout the +
+ commonwealth and ask that for +
+ the tasks of our daily bread there +
+ then be substituted appropriate +
+ and reverent services to Him. +
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FINE COCKEREL ARRIVES FROM NEW YORK CITY

U. L. Upson has just received from a leading New York breeder a handsome White Orpington cockerel to add to his already long list of beauties. The bird cost \$25, and will undoubtedly be heard from in the future shows in this district. Mr. Upson is also to receive a Barred Rock cockerel from the O. A. C., one of the "150 egg strain," developed by the college.

Poultry matters in this county have taken on quite an impetus because of the excellent prices that have been received the past season, and especially since the rocketing of the price in the past few weeks. The local association is making substantial shipments to the Portland market, net returns at present being 43 cents per dozen. The retail price in the northern city the past few days has been 65 cents, and the association members are considering the advisability of making shipments in packages for the retail trade instead of in cases for wholesale as at present.

MORE CHINESE PHEASANTS FOR JOSEPHINE COUNTY

Eighteen more pairs of Chinese pheasants arrived from the state game farm Wednesday morning for distribution throughout Josephine county. These birds are being shipped in as fast as the local Game and Fish Protective Association can arrange for refuges for them, the present shipment being equally distributed on the farms of H. D. Norton in the upper Williams valley; on the Schmidt farm on Clear creek, and on the Gilkey and Riggs ranches on Deer creek, six pairs going to each refuge. The state sends in these birds to stock farms wherever the owner signs an agreement to protect them and to prohibit hunting within the prescribed limits.

CLOSE CALL FOR THREE IN A RUNAWAY

Andy Butts and the Misses Gladys Morrison and Joy Watson, who were driving into the city Tuesday evening from their homes down the river, had a narrow and lucky escape from serious accident when the horse attached to their vehicle became frightened and ran away on Front street, turning into Sixth street, where the wagon struck the curb and the three occupants were thrown out upon the pavement, near the Bijou theater, and while all were more or less shaken and received minor bruises, none was seriously injured. The horse continued down the street, and wound up in the Kerley livery stable, not much the worse for his wild race.

PUG FLUNKS ON HIS JACKSON CO. PURCHASE

Medford, Nov. 20.—Ad Wolgast, the puglist who recently purchased a ranch near here for \$17,000, and authorized his local agents to make a considerable expenditure, and paid for the ranch with a check on an eastern bank, stopped payment on the check, according to notice received by a local bank. His agents are out \$1,600, spent for livestock and equipment under Wolgast's orders. His foreman seized possession of property enough to pay his wages, sold it and left today for California. This is the second ranch Wolgast purchased here with checks which he stopped payment upon before being cashed.

CONTRACT FOR PACIFIC HIGHWAY OVER SISKIYOU

Medford, Nov. 20.—The contract for grading the Pacific Highway over the Siskiyou mountains, a distance of twelve miles, to replace the present toll road, was let today to Keafal-McDowell Logging Company of Tacoma, Wash., for \$197,534.30. There were 15 bidders. The road will be built under supervision of the state highway commission and will be 24 feet in width, with maximum grade of five percent. It will later be hard surfaced, 16 feet in width. The construction is to be paid for out of proceeds of the Jackson county half-million dollars road bond issue.