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MUCH IMPORTANT BUSINESS TRANSACTION BY COUNCIL

APPROPRIATION OF \$50.00 A MONTH UNTIL JULY
MADE TO ASSIST IN THE WORK OF
THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

City Engineer Ordered to Draw Specifications for the
Paving of First Street.—Much Other
Business Transacted.

The City Council met in regular session at the City Hall Wednesday night with the mayor and all councilmen present.

After the council was called to order, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

An ordinance appropriating \$305 to pay for the house of Mrs. Anna Bash, which was ordered destroyed at a former meeting, was read and placed upon its final passage.

An ordinance appropriating money out of the general fund to pay off the outstanding warrants of Sixth street and Randolph avenue was read and passed with the emergency clause attached.

The bids for the city printing for the ensuing year, were opened, and same was awarded to the Western World their bid being the lowest, 1 1/2c per line for the first insertion, and 1c per line for each additional insertion of city notices.

The bids for the repairing of Edison avenue bridge were read and turned over to the city engineer.

The bill of Chas. Hubbard, night marshall, for ten nights service in that capacity, was ordered paid, after the city attorney had given it as his opinion that the bill was payable and Mr. Hubbard was duly reinstated as an officer when he was exonerated from the charges that had been preferred against him, and for which he had been suspended temporarily.

A committee from the public library, composed of Mrs. J. L. Kronenberg, Miss F. A. Henry and J. Ira Sidwell, appeared before the council, and asked for an appropriation of \$50.00 a month for assistance in maintaining the library. Mrs. Kronenberg made a short address pointing out the good features of the library. Miss Henry made a report as librarian in which she showed that the increase in patronage of the library had been phenomenal and that since September the borrowers had increased from 67 to 402, showing the added interest being taken in the library.

Mr. Sidwell read the treasurer's report, showing what had been done with the money so far received and the balance in the treasury, which was a small sum. However, it was really surprising what good work had been accomplished with the small funds at hand. It was also shown that the bill of the library had been paid with the exception of \$25.00 of the January salary of the librarian, and that she had received so far no salary for February. The committee however, stated that these items would be taken care of by subscriptions and entertainments, and it was also stated that if the council made the desired appropriation the paying subscribers would not be called upon after this month.

Councilman Windsor moved that an appropriation of \$50.00 a month be made, beginning with March 1st and ending July 1st, to support the library, as the question of a tax for the support of the library will come before the people at the June election. The motion was carried unanimously.

J. W. Felter and C. B. Zeck were present with a plat covering the change asked for in the G. A. R. cemetery for street purposes, and stated that the G. A. R. would agree to the change providing the city would pay all expenses of moving graves, etc. The engineer was directed to make a survey of the grounds and streets in question.

Ed Luke, contractor on First St. East, was granted 30 days extension of time in which to complete

his contract.

Contractors Webb & Howell were granted an extension of sixty days to complete the work of graveling Fourth Street West and Oceana Drive.

The engineer was directed to prepare specifications for bids for paving First Street.

The dedication of the street by Delphi lodge, K. of P., was accepted.

The report of the city engineer on sewer districts Nos. 3 and 4 were accepted.

An ordinance was ordered drawn adopting the plat and report of the engineer in the opening and extending of Douglas avenue, formerly Pioneer Street, to intersect with what was formerly Fourth Street, also West Seventh Street, formerly Coquille Avenue, to intersect with what was formerly Cartwright St.

Bills to the amount of \$213.87 were allowed.

The Council then adjourned to meet tonight as a board of equalization on the sewer districts.

Birthday Party.

Last Tuesday afternoon neighbors, relatives and friends combined to give Mrs. A. M. Sumner a happy and successful surprise, the occasion being her 64th birthday. The following unique invitations were issued:

"Will you in good old-fashioned way come, the afternoon of next Tuesday to Grandma Sumner's; be sure to go."

At 2:00 P. M. Don't let her know. Your thimble and your scissors too. You'll need a ball of rags to do. Be sure to bring an apron big, and come right early to the jig."

The Videttes, an important committee of the W. R. C., of which Mrs. Sumner is the chairman, took advantage of the occasion to roll up some balls of patriotism of which they now have a large store on hand.

Mrs. Sumner was the recipient of many presents, evidence of the kind regards of many friends.

We suspect the souvenirs were arranged by the grand-children, as they caused much merriment. Especially was the laugh on the lady who drew the Old Dutch Cleanser.

H. A. T.

Christian Endeavor Convention.

Albany, Ore., Feb. 19.—Final preparations are being made for the state Christian Endeavor convention to be held here on February 20, 21, and 22. Delegates numbering at least 200 will be in attendance from all parts of Oregon. Each Christian Endeavor society is entitled to one delegate for every seven members, and each society is expected to send an official report of the work of their society during the past year.

To the Democratic Voters.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for County Judge of Coos County, Oregon, on the Democratic ticket for the coming primary election. I favor permanent highways and the development of the wonderful wealth of Coos County consistent with economical and judicious expenditure of the taxpayers' money.

J. J. STANLEY,
161f.
Coquille, Oregon

Geo. Geisendorfer expects to sail on the Elizabeth tomorrow for San Francisco and will look after business affairs while gone.

Big Special Meeting Of The Commercial Club Tonight

The Bandon Commercial Club will meet at the Commercial Club hall tonight at which time reports of committees appointed at the last meeting will be received.

One of the leading committees appointed was that on the revision of rules and membership. This committee is composed of G. T. Treadgold, M. B. Pressey, and W. J. Sweet, and they will recommend that the initiation fee be reduced from \$5.00 to \$1.00 and that upon payment of \$1 the member be given a certificate for one-fifth of one share of stock in the Commercial Club. This measure will undoubtedly be approved by some and supported by others. These should be a full attendance tonight so that the proposition may have a thorough consideration before it is passed upon.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

DELPHI LODGE, K. OF P. CELEBRATES FOUNDING OF ORDER.

Large Number of Knights and Their Families Enjoy Annual Event.

Delphi Lodge, Knights of Pythias, held a celebration at their hall in this city last night in honor of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the order, which was February 19, 1864, directly during the great civil war in this country.

The program as carried out consisted of musical numbers by the High School Girls Quartette, a solo by Harry Bultman of Marshfield, and solos by Miss Fox and Mrs. H. L. Hopkins.

Kauarud's orchestra was also present and rendered a number of excellent selections.

Mayor J. W. Mast, who is an enthusiastic Knight, delivered a fine address in which he pointed out the great work this order is doing for humanity and the fraternal spirit everywhere present among its members.

Another pleasing feature of the gathering was the presenting to the lodge of a sword of the Uniform Rank by L. J. Cody, a gift which was greatly appreciated by the lodge.

After the program a sumptuous banquet was served which was also a pleasant feature of the occasion.

There were about 150 people present, being composed of Knights and their families.

Dollar Boats in Trouble.

Tacoma, Feb. 18.—Not daring to return to American waters where a costly mixup with the government awaits her, the steamer Mackinaw of last week evaded United States immigration authorities, is having her lumber cargo sent by scows from where she is now anchored. At Esquimalt, out of reach of the American law, she is completing her cargo for the Orient.

Although the Mackinaw's Chinese crew—the source of all the trouble—was shipped at San Francisco and the vessel stopped four days in Aberdeen enroute to Puget Sound, she was not disturbed until she was nearing this port where she was to oil.

Then, it is asserted, the owners learned an attempt was to be made by the sailors union to deport the crew; and to avoid unnecessary complication a launch met the vessel at West Point lighthouse, outside of Seattle, and orders were delivered to the captain instructing him to get out of American waters as rapidly as possible.

The Mackinaw gained the British Columbia waters before it was suspected she was trying to avoid the authorities and she has lain at anchor in Esquimalt ever since.

Small Fire.

A small fire on the scaffolding around the smoke stacks at the Moore mill caused considerable excitement for a few minutes last evening, but the blaze was extinguished before any damage was done. The fire boys and many others were on the scene in short order.

MUSSELS ARE GOOD TO EAT

BIOLOGISTS SAY THEY ARE AS LUSCIOUS AS THE OYSTER.

Easily Obtained and May Prove a New Industry for the Oregon Coast.

A new industry for the Oregon coast, that of raising mussels, which he says are as delectable as the oyster and more readily raised is advocated by Dr. Clifton F. Hodge, professor of social biology at the University of Oregon.

"I have picked up a few specimens of mussels on the Bandon beach," said Dr. Hodge, "but no attempt has ever been made, so far as I know to propagate them off Clatsop, Lincoln, Lane, Coos and Curry counties. I hope to see something done along that line experimentally soon."

Dr. Irving Angell Field, assistant professor of biology at Clark University in which institution Dr. Hodge was professor of biology before he came to Oregon, is also a believer in the utility of the mussel as an article of diet that will help bring the cost of living tumbling.

"Mussels would place a cheap, wholesome food within reach of the masses and increase the business of the fisherman and the packer," he says. "The movement to place mussels on the market is no visionary scheme of lovers of unusual experiments. It is an economical crime to deny the mussel a place on our tables. The mussel is very easily obtained. It abounds in the bays and estuaries of our Atlantic coast from North Carolina northward, and our Pacific coast from Alaska to San Francisco. It grows in great beds, often acres in extent, on the surface of mud or sand extending out from between tide marks to several fathoms of water."

"I have abundant testimony from scores of persons who have eaten mussels prepared in various ways (pickled, steamed, roasted, stewed and fried), that in flavor and texture they are superior to the long clam and fully equal to the oyster."

Waterfront Notes.

The Elizabeth arrived Wednesday evening with 175 tons of freight and the following passengers: Mrs. O. A. Trowbridge, Miss Reynolds, Wm. Olsen, J. M. Campbell, H. O. Sanders, L. J. Knotts, Fred S. Bennette, Mrs. F. Person and child, Miss Lotie Oreine. The Elizabeth will sail tomorrow morning for San Francisco at 8 o'clock.

The Speedwell sailed Wednesday morning with 14,000 ties, 270 poles and the following passengers: Mrs. R. W. Boyle, Bruce Johnson, D. H. Mrs. O. Williams, John A. Klein, Morris Cohn, Mrs. M. A. Pierce, Billy Tyndall, Ben Markovitz, F. J. Erb, Stanley Dollar, L. D. Hamper, G. J. Armstrong and wife, W. P. Geisendorfer, A. D. Mills, H. M. Murray, J. A. Murray, M. J. McNeige, D. D. Edwards, Wm. Neideger, Harry Leemann, J. McManus, J. Duffy.

CONGRESSMEN WILL SUPPORT THE PORT COMMISSION

ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF
\$250,000 BONDS PLACED ON ITS
LAST READING.

Twenty Feet of Water on the Bar and Twelve Feet as Far
Up the River as Coquille is Aim of Commission.—Full Attendance.

The Port Commissioners of the Port of Bandon met Wednesday morning at the office of G. T. Treadgold, attorney for the port. There were present D. H. Ross, president, E. E. Johnson, vice president, T. P. Hanley, treasurer, J. E. Norton, secretary, and R. E. L. Bedillion.

The minutes of all previous meetings, including that of December 1st, were read and approved.

Ordinance No. 3, providing for the issuance of \$250,000 in bonds in five series of \$50,000 each to be sold, one series at a time and the money appropriated as needed, thus saving interest on the money until the same is needed, came up for second reading, was read by title and its adoption and final passage was moved by Johnson and seconded by Bedillion, and unanimously passed.

Letters and communications were read from Congressmen Hawley, Sinnott and Lafferty, Major J. J. Morrow and from several bonding

houses. The bonding houses asked for information concerning the proposed bonding issue and the other communications in effect pledged congressional support for the requested appropriation for the Port of Bandon.

The secretary was instructed to send messages to Congressman Hawley and Senator Lane urging the necessity for an appropriation for a survey of a new project for the river to give twenty feet of water on the bar and not less than twelve feet as far as Coquille.

M. E. Treadgold was asked to submit a bill for services rendered in assistance to the secretary and that in the future the secretary submit a bill for any expenses necessarily incurred by him for clerical services.

Port Attorney Treadgold reported that the case of the State of Oregon vs. Port of Bandon et al, has been set for hearing next Tuesday, February 24, and the same will be tried at the county seat.

Race War On Coos Bay.

One man dead and three others in the Mercy hospital at Marshfield is the result of a small but vicious race war which occurred at the Hennessey mine on Coos Bay last Sunday. The dead man is John Kelley. The injured are Bert Wilson, gun shot wound on body; Bert Hill, shot in breast; Bert Johnson, badly injured in free-for-all scrap prior to the shooting. According to the story told in the justice court the trouble followed a spree in a "blind pig" conducted by Italians. The Italians outnumbered the white men about four to one and in a free-for-all fight Johnson was badly beaten, and it was while going to the aid of him that the other three were shot.

No arrests were made because no information was filed and no one knows just who it was that fired the shots.

Banks Closed Monday.

Next Sunday, February 22, will be Washington's Birthday, and the fact that this date falls on Sunday will make the following day, Monday the 23rd, a legal holiday, and both of the Bandon banks will remain closed all day on this date. Patrons of the banks should make a note of this and govern themselves accordingly.

Forest Notes.

Receipts from the use of national forest resources were greatest in Arizona last year.

Dr. C. D. Marsh of the federal bureau of plant industry is delivering a series of illustrated lectures to stockmen in the west on the subject of plant poisonous to stock.

The Biltmore forest school, established in 1898 and therefore the oldest forest school in America, has been discontinued. Dr. C. A. Schenck, its director, has returned to his home in Germany.

The forest service is compiling a new volume table for calculating the board contents of standing western yellow pine trees in the southwest. It is based on actual measurements of 6,000 trees.

In trying to find uses for blight-killed chestnut it has been found that it can be utilized for crating stone; quarry owners say that chestnut wood leaves an indelible stain on the marble and granite.

Railroads caused nearly half the forest fires in Colorado and Wyoming last year, and almost one-sixth were set by lightning. California had more than half its forest fires set by lightning, while the railroads set comparatively few.

FOOD PRICES STILL SOAR

GOVERNMENT STATISTICS FOR
1913 SHOW RECORD
FIGURES.

Thirteen of Fifteen Staples Are
Higher Than They Were
In 1912.

During the year from October 15, 1912, to October 15, 1913, the prices on thirteen of the fifteen principal food staples advanced in price, and only two declined, according to figures just published by the Bureau of Labor.

The increases range from one to over forty per cent.

Here are the figures for the rise of retail prices in the country at large between the dates above mentioned.

Potatoes advanced 42.3 per cent, eggs advanced 14.2 per cent, round steak advanced 12.9 per cent, ham advanced 10.6 per cent, sirloin steak advanced 8.3 per cent, bacon advanced 8.2 per cent, hens advanced 7.5 per cent, pork chops advanced 6.3 per cent, butter advanced 3.7 per cent, milk advanced 2.7 per cent, corn meal advanced 1.7 per cent and lard advanced 1 per cent, sugar declined 8.8 per cent, and flour declined 2.6 per cent.

When the price of each of the articles of food is weighed according to the average consumption in workingmen's families, retail prices were at a higher level on October 15 last, than at any other time during the last 23 years. Retail prices of food on October 15, 1913, were 70.9 per cent above the average price for the ten year period 1890 to 1899, and 16.9 per cent above the price on October 15, 1911.

Rochelle Goes on Alaska Run.

The steam schooner Rochelle, is to be put on a run between Seattle and Alaska. It was announced several months ago that this boat was going on the run out of the Coquille river, carrying coal to British Columbia points, but for some reason she never made a trip.