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FIRE ALARMS & PROTECTION

Considered at Council Meeting. Col. Rosa Makes A Few Suggestions

It almost looked as if the fire (protection) bug had started something when the council Wednesday evening gave an hour of the session to the pro and con discussions of the subject.

Colonel R. H. Rosa started the fire works when he placed a proposition before the council proposing the construction of a cast iron pipe line along First street at Bandon avenue to Baltimore avenue and that a six inch iron main be run to the water front at the foot of Baltimore avenue. This would enable the tug Klyhyam to attach its pumps to the main and thereby give heavy pressure throughout the business district. Automatic gates would be placed at the end of the iron pipe line, which would close when the pressure was increased, thus giving sufficient force for several lines of hose and preventing the salt water from contaminating the whole water system. Offhand the city engineer estimated that this would cost between \$1,800 and \$2,000.

"Knowing that the city has no money with which to do the work which we have outlined," said Col. Rosa, we suggest that the business men lend the city whatever funds are necessary at an interest of six per cent, if this can legally be done."

Advisability Questioned

Although greeted by a noticeable murmur of applause when first suggested, this proposition did not prove bullet proof and was punctured in several places. Not only does the Klyhyam not keep up a head of steam at all times, but it was pointed out that there was a possibility, even a probability that the tug might not be here when most wanted and without it such a system of fire protection would be useless. There existed a doubt as to whether the council had the power to borrow money for the purpose of installing fire protection, but there existed little doubt that there would be a decided kick on the part of the taxpayers should the council enter into a contract, legal or illegal, agreeing to pay six percent interest for the use of money. Here the discussion took a turn to the personal.

"How much of the city would this proposed fire protection cover?" asked Foster, rising from his position in the audience. He was informed that the idea was to cover only the business part of the city.

"Then I suggest that the business men pay for it," said Mr. Foster.

Alarm System Suggested

Councilman Pape took a hand in the discussion at this point and declared himself in favor of the installation of a huge electric fire gong in a place where it can be heard throughout the city.

"The fire gong which we have at present is absolutely worthless," said Mr. Pape. "Surrounded as it is by buildings it can not be heard across the street."

The mayor who had been investigating the matter of fire alarms, advocated an alarm system which is manufactured in Hillsborough and is in use in most of the Willamette Valley towns. This outfit consists of a huge bell that is rung by a motor, the power being secured from the electric light wires, and is rung from the telephone office. Before the central girl are as many push buttons as there are fire districts in the city and all that the telephone girl has to do when a fire is reported to her, is to push the button arousing the district where the blaze is reported. Automatically the alarm sounds the number of the district. Such an outfit would cost the city \$300.

Both the proposal of Mr. Rosa and the one for an alarm system were referred to a committee composed of Councilmen Mast, Hazmussen and Pape who will investigate and report at the next meeting.

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PORT ORFORD REPORTS

Port Orford, Ore., Feb. 19.—A banquet is to be given here by the Port Orford Commercial Club. The guest of honor will be Frank B. Tichenor, who is an untiring booster for Port Orford. It was Mr. Tichenor's grandfather William Tichenor who platted the town of Port Orford in 1865.

Tomorrow night there is to be a wrestling match in Port Orford between Percy Zumwalt and Mr. Brown of Langlois. There will also be a match between Clarence Zumwalt and Lester White. Some local men say they have good grounds for believing a match will be pulled off next spring between Eddie O'Connell, of Portland, and M. G. Lutsey.

Mr. John Swing has been down here with his boat "Tramp" to see if arrangements could be made to purchase his boat. The deal is pending. The Port Orford people have made an offer for the boat but it did not appear satisfactory to Mr. Swing. Since the boat broke her stern line when lying in Nellie's Cove at Port Orford and went aground, but the cove is well sheltered and the Tramp was in no way damaged.

SEWER OBJECTIONS AND WATER NEEDS

Take up a Portion of the Time at the Meeting of Council Monday Night

Consideration of sewer projects under way, or proposed, and remonstrances against the same, the greater part of the business coming under the latter classification, took a large part of the time of the council in their regular meeting Wednesday evening.

Two separate remonstrances came up before the body requesting that the proposed sewer in Sewer Dist. No. 4, which takes in Second St., East, Elmira and Caroline avenues, be indefinitely postponed owing to the present stringent condition of finances.

Mast Objects

The plea in one of these petitions that the present sewer on Caroline avenue is entirely adequate and sufficient brought a storm of protest from Councilman Mast who pointed out that although the present sewer might be adequate, the sewerage issuing from it is running out into the open air on the river bank where only the very high tides are sufficient to carry it away. Conditions at the outlet of this sewer, declared Mr. Mast, are deplorable and a serious menace to public health. Over his opposing vote these two remonstrances as well as one against the proposed sewer on Seventh street were allowed and further action indefinitely postponed.

Acting on the request of property owners along Wall street, bids for the sewer contract on that thoroughfare were not opened Wednesday night. This is due to the fact that a fill is contemplated along this street and should it materialize, the plans for the sewer will have to be materially changed. The bids will be opened some time within 60 days.

Water Needs Considered

Too lengthy for ample consideration at the meeting, the proposed ordinance for regulating the affairs of the Water department was referred to the water committee for further study. The matter of interest on the water bonds was considered at length and the city recorder was instructed to set aside each month, beginning at the first of the year, the sum of \$485 to take care of the interest which falls due on the first of July.

Since taking over the water plant the Water committee has had troubles of its own, not the least of which has been the arrangement of a schedule of water rates which will put the large and small consumer on somewhat the same basis. Previous to this time the large consumers, some of whom have been on a meter have been getting the best of the deal and how to get around this without doing injustice to anyone has been some problem. A temporary sliding scale has been arranged and incorporated into the new ordinance, which will probably be passed at the next meeting of the council.

MISSING MAN IS LOCATED

Wm. Pentland of Myrtle Point Murder Mystery Fanc is Held in Idaho Town

Wm Pentland, the much wanted witness in the Myrtle Point alleged murder case, has been located at Couer d'Alene, Idaho. Pentland is the man who made a sensational charge of murder and then skipped the country. He made an affidavit to the effect that he had overheard a conversation between Clarence Russell and his wife in which it was asserted that Arthur Russell had been poisoned. Pentland has been taken into custody by the Idaho authorities and will be kept there until the report of the chemist is received in all particulars of the investigations now being made into the alleged poisoning.

The case is expected to develop sensationally within a few days. The body has been disinterred and additional vital parts taken therefrom. Samples of water from the grave and from a neighboring spring were also taken and sent to a Portland chemist, the same who made the analysis of the contents of the stomach.

Clarence Russell, a brother of the dead man, and S. D. Pulford, an attorney, were present when the body was taken from the grave Sunday.

A trace of poisoning was found in the vitals but not such as could not have been absorbed from a medicine that had been taken. It is alleged that the poison found was arsenic although no authoritative statement in this regard has been made. The records of the sales of Myrtle Point druggists for the past three years has been made in an effort to identify the source of supply.

The sheriff is proceeding carefully with his investigation and will not make arrests unless it can be plainly brought out by the efforts of the chemists that foul work was done.

PARENT-TEACHER'S MEETING

The parent-teacher's meeting held at the high school auditorium last night was a success in every particular, and the program that was carried out was a credit to those who participated.

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 o'clock by the president, Mrs. E. Lewin, after which the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The ladies' glee club then sang a song which was highly appreciated by the audience.

The feature of the evening was a paper by Miss Elizabeth J. Rodgers in which she outlined a course of reading in folk stories and adventures for developing the imagination. This subject was further discussed by City Librarian, Miss F. A. Henry. Miss Henry makes a special study in selecting and advising the proper reading for children patronizing the public library.

The discussion of this subject was also taken up by Mrs. Faulds who emphasized the value of poetry in connection with the development of the child's mind.

A vocal solo by Prof Richards, with Mrs. Albert Garfield as piano accompanist was heartily enjoyed. A reading entitled An order for a picture, was well received. One of the most enjoyable numbers of the entire program was a piano solo by Mrs. Barackman, and a hearty encore was given.

A reading by Mrs. Averill was well rendered and greatly appreciated by the audience. After the program was completed refreshments consisting of cake and coffee were served by the girls in the domestic science department. There were over 250 present and all had a pleasant and profitable evening.

The parent-teacher's meetings are becoming more of a success all the time and are now a notable feature of community life.

Spring Millinery opening Wednesday, Feb. 24th, and following days. You will find a good selection of spring and summer styles at Mott's Millinery Store. 14 1/2.

BETTER FIRE PROTECTION

Interviews With Prominent Bandonians on the Subject

"My idea of a fire fighting system for the city of Bandon is that a pumping station be established as an auxiliary to the present water system," said Mayor George B. Topping when interviewed on the subject.

"Let us appropriate \$10,000 for the work and cover the business district and as much of the residence section as can be reached for the money. Place a pump along the water front at some point and connect it with the present water mains. Have an electric and gasoline motor to operate the pump so that it may be ready for use at any time.

"This would not mean that the entire water system would be contaminated in case of fire as we could have automatic water gates which would immediately cut off the section in use from the rest of the system when the pressure was increased by the pump.

"This amount of money, \$10,000, would not go a great way towards establishing an efficient fire protection, but it would be a start in the right direction. Buying motors and pump, buying and installing iron pipe necessary to carry the high pressure. Purchasing hydrants, runs into money fast. The more money we spend on a proposition of this kind the better off we would be, yet for a starter, \$10,000 would be sufficient.

NORTH BEND ON FOR THIS EVENING

Game Means Much to Both Teams, Visitors Yet Have First Victory to Win

Tonight Coach Quigley's team of basket ball players, in better shape than they have been at any time during the season, will meet the five from North Bend and the dope, the coach and the team pronounce but one outcome—Bandon on the long end of the score.

For the first time this year the team will enter the game with a full lineup of first string men, mumps having completed the rounds of the first team Windsor and Armstrong are both scheduled for the center position with the latter probably opening the game. As forwards the two Pullen boys will work together for the first time in a scheduled game on the home floor and Webb and Chatburn will be the guards. This arrangement gives Quigley a strong bunch of substitutes should he have need of them.

Game Important

The game however is not going to be a landslide either way for defeat means the vanishing of championship hopes for the losers. North Bend has only played two of its scheduled eight games and although they lost both of them, so has every other team in the league lost two games. Bandon on the other hand is tied with Marshfield and Coquille for first honors, should the county Athletic association sustain the ruling of the referee in the contested game. Loss of this game would result in Bandon's taking a slide for the cellar that could not be overcome.

Team in Shape

"Every one of my men is in the prime of condition" said the coach after the last heavy work out last night. It was some workout and the boys showed a vast improvement in their defensive work.

Saints' Church

Subject for Sunday morning, Feb. 20th, "Polygamy and Ethics" Subject for evening service, "Herbert Spencer's Philosophy" Samuel Wood will be the speaker at both services.

SEVEN LIVES LOST IN BURNING MARSHFIELD BUILDING

Burning of Lodging House Building at Bunker Hill is Accompanied by Loss of Life. Carelessly Thrown Cigarette Blamed as the Cause of Starting

Six dead and seven in the hospital suffering from severe injuries, is the toll exacted by fire at Marshfield Tuesday night. A boarding house in Bunker Hill, operated by George W. Craig caught fire during the evening and became a charnel pit before the force of the element was spent. The fire occurred at two o'clock in the morning and had got a strong headway before discovered. The whole thing was in flames before the sleepers were awakened.

Four corpses were found by the firemen in the ruins and were not identified until some time later. The exact cause of the fire is not known. It is supposed to have started in the lobby of the hotel, possibly from a match or cigarette stub carelessly thrown down.

The janitor, E. O. Willette, on the third story of the building was the first man to give the alarm. Half dressed, he groped his way through the smoky hallways, shouting to the sleepers to awaken.

Many of the lodgers found their exit barred and had to jump from the windows. There were about forty-five inmates of the boarding house and it took some checking of the list to determine exactly who the dead were.

Included in the fatalities was A. A. Craig father of the proprietor of the boarding house. He was 65 years of age and feeble. He was seen to come to the window once or twice but did not have the strength to make his escape.

A grandson, Homer, aged 11 years was sleeping with the grandfather and imprisoned likewise, but smashed the pane of a window and jumped to safety.

One boarder had foresight enough to provide himself with a rope to be used in case of fire and made effective escape by use of it. Another tied his bed sheets together to make a rope and dropped to the ground by its aid.

Following is a list of the dead: Louis Kalowski, waiter. S. E. Lewis, laborer. W. S. Glover, laborer. William Ward, stranger. A. A. Craig. Louis Pepas, laborer. Roy Askew.

It is supposed that the fire started from a lighted cigarette stub thrown down in the lobby, as from the appearances when the fire was discovered the blaze must have started in that part of the building. The fact there were only men roomers in the house is accounted for by the fact that the building is close to the C. A. Smith mill and caters to employes in the plant, of which there were about 45 in the house. Belonging to the C. A. Smith Company the building was leased to G. W. Craig, who was running the lodging house. Insurance covered the building which was valued at \$10,000.

Soon after the fire was discovered a line of hose was run from the pumping plant of the mill and three and a half minutes after the alarm was turned in the big auto engine of the Marshfield fire department was on the scene. Nothing could be done to save the boarding house and the streams were played on the surrounding buildings all of which were saved.

Immediately after the fire Arno Meeven, vice president and general manager of the C. A. Smith Company, issued orders that everything possible be done for those who were injured and that all of those in the fire who were employes of the company should have their wants supplied.

S. B. Anderson of Prosper was in Bandon Tuesday. He is an old resident and has been here nearly thirty years. He finds that the best way to keep track of local and county news is through the columns of the Recorder.

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Harry Lockwood and Vane Garten, who have been in San Francisco for several weeks, returned on the Speedwell Wednesday. Mr. Lockwood is returning to Frisco on the return trip of the boat.

Mayor Topping was a passenger on the early boat Thursday morning for Coquille where he will attend to legal business and then proceed to Myrtle Point, being called there in regard to matters pertaining to the sale of the Bandon Dry Goods Company.

Fred Perkins is in from Two Mile for a visit in Bandon.

DISAPPOINTED THE GAY GIRLS

Aunt Peabody Visits Her Nieces and Attends a Swell Party. Gets Acquainted

Ann Peabody of Peabodyville paid a brief visit to Bandon Wednesday night, her adventures in the interval being one of the special features with which Manager Sellmer delights to spice his regular offerings of movies and vaudeville at the Grand.

The old lady's nieces, for Aunt Peabody is elderly, were not at all delighted to see their female relative. In fact the two girls, Eleanor and Hattie were distinctly peaved at the prospect. Her descent on them was particularly ill-timed as they were preparing for a select party at which they were to be hostesses, during the evening. The old lady's costume did not appeal to them as suitable for such an occasion. She was in an 1881 costume of somber black relieved by a white Shaker bonnet and set off by a brilliant and ample sash of green the sight of which would have scared a mooley calf in a woodland pasture into convulsions of terror.

The old lady pretended to be deaf and was edified at the plain expressions of her girl relatives. She planned a terrible revenge.

They had schemed to get the aunt to sleep early and apparently succeeded. But when the party was at its height the old lady, green sash and all put in an appearance. She exaggerated her own peculiarities for the benefit of the occasion, talked in a nasal high pitched tone of voice and demanded to be introduced to each and every member of the party, commenting all the while on each one's appearance and garb. When she had properly horrified everybody she made the startling declaration that she would leave \$5,000, meant for her nieces, to their friend Mariah, the one person in the assemblage who had treated her with courtesy.

Mrs. Anna Tucker took the part of Aunt Peabody, Ruth Burkhart impersonated Eleanor and Delphi Langlois played Hattie, the second niece. Ottilie Lewin took the part of Mariah, and all did nicely, having their parts well committed to memory and paying particular attention to the stage business.

At the conclusion of the comedy Miss Blanche Webb delighted the audience with a butterfly dance in costume, doing it very nicely and gracefully. Her appearance made a hit and was vigorously applauded. Her small sister, Miss Elva, furnished the music for the dancing as well as for the song which preceded it.

The comedy was very successful and warrants the hope that there will be more like it.

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