

CITY COUNCIL IN REGULAR SESSION

Much Business Transacted at Last Night's Bi-weekly Meeting.

OFFICE OF CITY DOG CATCHER IS ABOLISHED

New Hose and Apparatus For Fire Department Is Authorized.

The city council met in regular session last night and ground out the regular routine business. Two new sewers were authorized, bids accepted on two more, new apparatus ordered for the fire department and a can tied to the official dogcatcher.

Mayor Carl called the meeting to order at 7:00 o'clock. The report of the committee on accounts and current expenses was adopted, allowing claims for labor, supplies, meals for the Corvallis fire department, and miscellaneous items, amounting to about \$200.00.

A petition from T. P. Hackleman for permission to extend a lateral sewer in Hackleman's Add was granted. The recorder was given authority to purchase a model No. 10 Remington typewriter for \$65.00 from C. G. Rawlings.

Bids were opened for the construction of an 8 inch lateral sewer beginning at the manhole in the Oak street trunk sewer between Front and Water streets and running westerly across Oak street, through the center of block 2, to within 40 feet of the east line of Main street, and for an eight inch lateral beginning at the manhole in the Oak street sewer where said sewer crosses Santiam road and running thence southeasterly on the same angle as said Santiam road a distance of 815 feet.

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CIRCUIT COURT DECISIONS IN JUDGE KELLY'S DEPT.

Felkins Convicted and Parolled Other Cases Decided; Bank Appeals.

The grand jury yesterday returned an indictment against Floyd Felkins, aged 24, charged with larceny from a dwelling. The case was immediately taken up by the supreme court and Felkins was sentenced to serve an indeterminate sentence in the penitentiary of from one to seven years. However, Judge Kelly paroled the young man, and ordered him to report to the court once a month.

In the case of Ralph McKechnie vs. J. L. McCoy, Judge Kelly granted a nonsuit on motion of the plaintiff.

In the case of S. D. Ohmstead vs. Emma Tracey, et al, non suit was granted on motion of the plaintiff.

In the case of J. L. Tomlinson, et al, vs. Jno. K. Schultz, non suit was granted on motion of the plaintiff.

In the case of W. F. Pearce vs. Ida Mae Fletcher, et al, non suit also granted.

In the case of Johnson-Bradford Safe Co. vs. D. M. Cooper, the motion and demurrer were overruled.

The estate of A. W. Standish of Brownsville, amounting to \$500 has been filed, and W. C. Standish appointed administrator.

Notice of an appeal was filed with County Clerk Russell by the First National Bank against the assessment for the year 1914. This matter was brought to trial October 10, 1914, and a decision rendered by the board of equalization, ordering the bank to pay on the assessment of the shares of stock at \$62.365. The bank, through its attorneys, Hewitt and Sox and G. G. Schmidt, filed notice of appeal to the supreme court.

OBJECTS TO VAN WINKLE'S RECENT MOON STORY

San Diego, Cal., Feb. 23—Your article of a short time ago, in which was given the statement of J. S. Van Winkle, with regard to certain aspects of the new moon, as indicating the weather, causes me to come to the conclusion that my old friend Van has gone off after false gods.

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U. S. MAY USE HUNGER AS WEAPON

Talk of An Embargo on Shipments to Nations at Warfare in Europe.

CONSTANTINOPLE NOW IN TREMBLE FEARING ATTACK

Russia Admits Backward Movement, But For Strategic Purposes.

(By United Press Association) Washington, Feb. 25—The United States government may summon hunger as an ally to bring England and Germany to their knees in the situation which has caused the German submarines' warfare on merchantmen and has threatened American commerce. This is unconfirmed, but a hint is heard in official circles. Those standing sponsors of the suggestion declare the president may establish an airtight embargo on the exportation of foodstuffs either to Germany or the allies, unless all are involved in the dispute over the right to receive foodstuffs for civilians agree to the demands made by this government. Prominent members are urging the president to take such action.

Constantinople Fears Attack. Athens, Feb. 25—Constantinople, which has expected an attack by the allies, is preparing to meet it, according to dispatches from the Turkish capital. All records of the government and crown jewels have been removed to the interior of Turkey. The leading families of the capital have arranged to flee. There is great alarm in Constantinople, due to the report that the Russians are about to cross the Black Sea for an invasion of Turkey with the object of delivering a crushing attack against Constantinople.

A Fortress Stormed. Berlin, Feb. 25—The Russian reserves stormed the fortress Przasnysz and took more than 10,000 prisoners, according to an official statement. The statement says that the Germans hurled themselves against the fortress and took it by storm. Five thousand Russians were captured in the vicinity of Novo Georgiewski. The statement admitted that the Russians occupied Nogly, southeast of Holymow.

Great Battle Raging. Petrograd, Feb. 25—A great battle is raging east and south of Stanslaa and in the eastern Carpathians. Meagre dispatches say that it overshadows the developments in Poland. Austria is reported to have massed a great army and will attempt to cross the Dniester at Hultz in an effort to reach Lemberg. Advances indicated that the Russians are retreating upon Hultz for strategic reasons.

Lafollette Seamen's Bill Adopted. Washington, Feb. 25—The house by viva voce vote adopted the conference report on the Lafollette seamen's bill, sending it to the senate.

THE LIBRARY WILL HAVE A SHORT STORY HOUR

Short story hour at Library, Friday, 3:45 p. m. Miss Ora Harkness, so well known as a Chautauqua reader, will give the program. Among the stories she will tell are the following: "Why Bobby Coon has Rings on His Tail"; "How Old Mr. Squirrel Learned to Care"; "Why Peter Rabbit Cannot Fold his Hands." Children are requested to come in at Third street entrance. It will be in auditorium.

HAMILTON STORE GETTING READY FOR REOPENING

An interesting place is the new store room of L. E. & H. J. Hamilton, in the Rhodes block, where the full force of clerks is busy getting ready for a big fire sale. The insurance on the stock burned has been practically all settled and allowed in full on everything but a small item of two or three hundred dollars.

The stock saved, it transpires, will be quite an item in amount, making a good showing as it is placed on the shelves and in the cases. It was thought the store might again be opened on Saturday of this week; but this has been found impossible. Next Thursday, March 4th, has been set for the store to reenter business, and it will then do so with a big fire sale, to be followed with a fine showing of spring and summer goods.

Passport Frauds Investigated.

(By United Press Association) New York, Feb. 25—Local federal officials who are investigating the passport frauds which resulted in the arrest of Richard Stegler and Gustav Cook, and charge that the Germans conspired to obtain false passports for use by spies, have let it be known that they ask officials at Washington to investigate the alleged connection of Captain R. Boyd with the case. Boyd is a German naval attaché, charged by Stegler with arranging fraudulent passports with which Stegler was furnished for his trip to England. The New York officials were unable to investigate the case properly because of his official connection with the German embassy. They believed that Bryan, if he finds the basis for the charges, should demand the attaché's recall.

MORE ENTRIES FOR MARKET DAY RECEIVED

Much Valuable Stock to Be Put Up, and Entertaining Program Prepared.

More entries for the stock sale Saturday were received today by Secretary Stewart, of the Commercial club. Everything points to a very successful sale, and rain or shine, there will be a large crowd in town says Mr. Stewart. However, the committee is hoping for good weather, for they are anxious for the first sale to be a success in every way. The value of the stock now listed runs over \$5000.

More entertaining features are being worked out, and the people who visit Albany Saturday will not only profit from the sale but will be treated to some good entertainment at the same time. The parade will start at 10:45 a. m., and from then on there will be something doing every minute.

FEAR ATTEMPT TO RESCUE THE TIMES DYNAMITER

Detectives Had to Hide Him; the Case Is Cause of Great Interest Everywhere.

(By United Press Association) Seattle, Feb. 25—Because they feared an attempt at rescue, the Burns detectives early this morning spirited Dave Caplan, charged with murder in connection with the Los Angeles dynamiting, away to the jail at Port Orchard. It is believed he was brought by a launch to Seattle and put on the train for Los Angeles. The deputy is protecting Attorney Becker, of Los Angeles, who accompanied the party. Extradition papers were granted by the governor of Washington.

A MORNING MUSICAL AT TREMONT HALL

This morning at Fremont Hall, a few invited guests were given the privilege of hearing Mrs. Harry B. Cusick in a local recital.

Mrs. Cusick has a beautiful contralto voice which showed to good advantage in the songs she chose for this, her first appearance as a vocalist. The recital was under the direction of Mrs. Flo, with Miss Blanche Hammet as accompanist. The following was the program:

The Flower that I Gave You—Rogers. I Hear You Calling Me—Marshall Melisande—Wood. A Garden Romance—Shaeffer. In the Time of Roses—Reichardt. You, Dear, and I—Clarke. Little Grey Home in the West—Lohr. Where My Caravan Has Rested—Lohr.

HON. S. G. IRVIN RETURNS FROM LEGISLATURE

Hon. S. G. Irvin, of Newport, joint representative in the legislature from Polk and Lincoln counties, passed through the city this noon on his way home. Mr. Irvin considers the past session one of the most successful in the history of the state. "We accomplished more by not doing than by doing. Many needless bills were killed, and much malicious looking legislation was nipped in the bud. Altogether it was a good session." Mr. Irvin predicts a good session for Newport this year. Numerous improvements are being made about town. The Odd Fellows will hold their grand lodge in Newport this spring. This is a return engagement, for the lodge was so well pleased with the treatment accorded them on their last visit there that Newport had no trouble in landing it a second time. Newport will hold a Chautauqua in July. The sum of \$1000 was raised in two days to guarantee the expenses of the attractions.

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IMPROVEMENTS FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

Council Directs Fire Committee to Buy Supplies on Chief's Recommendation.

WILL PURCHASE 1500 FEET OF BEST QUALITY HOSE

Modern Machinery to Be Provided and Basements Are Ordered Cleared.

Even great disasters have their good points. So it is with the fire in the Hamilton store recently. While the results of that blaze were bad enough, in the language of Fire Chief W. A. Eastburn, "It might have been worse." Chief Eastburn, at the council meeting last night, pointed out that the fire department has only about 1800 feet of good hose on hand, while Corvallis maintains a supply of 4800 feet. Had the recent fire spread beyond the one store, there would not have been enough hose on hand to combat the flames, and the whole block might have burned. The chief stated that Albany should have at least 3000 feet on hand, and after talks by Councilmen Pfeiffer, Lyons, Tweedale, Mayor Carl and H. D. May, of the A. G. Long Co., of Portland, the committee on fire and water was authorized to purchase 1500 feet of the best quality of hose. The sum of \$150 was also appropriated for the purchase of smoke helmets and hydrant gates.

Mr. H. D. May, of the A. G. Long Co., demonstrated the smoke helmet. This contrivance consists of a canvas helmet which fits tight over the head and shoulders and prevents smoke from reaching the face of the fireman. Air-pipes reach the floor, where there is always the freshest air in case of a fire. But in case of smoke on the floor the apparatus may be corked up. It is said that a fireman can do effective work for fifteen minutes on the air inside of a helmet.

Chief Eastburn stated that the present hydrant system is very much out of date. When additional hose is being coupled onto a hydrant the entire force of water must be shut off. Four hydrant gates will be ordered, with which it will be possible to operate several lines of these hose from each stand without interfering with each other.

Another much needed piece which the Long Co. will present to the city is a circulating nozzle. With this nozzle it is possible to fight a fire in a basement when all entrances are closed. With this nozzle Chief Eastburn says that he could have controlled the blaze in Hamilton's basement in fifteen minutes. The apparatus can be put through a hole cut in the floor of a burning building, and throw a fog of water for twenty-five feet in all directions.

At the next meeting of the council action will be taken to give authority to the fire chief or some other person to compel entrances kept clear in all buildings, and prevent the accumulation of inflammable material in basements.

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(By United Press Association) Washington, Feb. 22—With the supreme court as the arena, Leo M. Frank's last fight for life was made today. Arguments were begun which mean either death or a new trial for the young Jewish factory superintendent of Atlanta, thrice sentenced to the gallows for alleged murder of Mary Phagan, 14-year-old girl, at Atlanta on April 26, 1913.

Several hours were allotted by the high court today to hear the celebrated case which has gripped the entire country's interest for many months. A decision may be expected within a few weeks, certainly, it is believed, before the court adjourns for its summer recess.

Frank was represented today by an array of able counsel. The state of Georgia also had its most powerful solicitors opposing Frank's motion. (Continued on Page 3.) T. A. Farmer, of Lebanon, is in the city on business. DOCTOR McPHERSON WILL SPEAK AT LIBRARY TONIGHT This evening at 8:30 Doctor McPherson, of the Oregon Agricultural College, will give an illustrated lecture on rural conditions in Europe. A week ago the lecture room was crowded to the door, and they went away disappointed because Doctor McPherson failed to meet his appointment. Tonight he will in person give the reasons for his failure to appear. By a special request Doctor McPherson will devote a part of his time this evening in speaking on the Rural Credit System of Europe, and the proposed system of this country. Doctor McPherson has made a thorough and careful examination at the request of the federal government of rural conditions and rural credits in Europe. The lecture this evening will be most interesting and instructive. The lecture is given under the auspices of the Albany Public Library and is free to all. Students of financial problems should not fail to hear Doctor McPherson.

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CRAZY STATES ARE MOST PROSPEROUS

The East will have to revise its notion of the relative degree of sanity in the various states. The idea that the West and Southwest are "crazier" than the rest of the country is given a knock-out blow by statistics just issued by the federal census bureau.

In spite of the impression that the legislative performances of Oklahoma have given more conservative communities, that state stands forth on the census books as almost incredibly sane. It has only 67 lunatics to 100,000 people, whereas wise and supercilious New York has five times that many. New Mexico with one-tenth of one per cent less mental disease than Oklahoma, leads the country in sanity. And, dreadful to relate, good old Massachusetts, supposedly the foundation stone of our national intellect; institutions, is the craziest state in the union, with 343 lunatics per 100,000 population.

There is one place in America, however, suffering more from mental aberrations than Massachusetts. You'd be likely to guess it, first crack. It's the District of Columbia. In that district—which is, to say, in the city of Washington—8729 persons out of every 100,000 are in institutions for the insane. Let us not be so unkind as to intimate that still more of 'em ought to be there, and let's not inquire whether the capitol is listed among such institutions. The matter is serious enough as it stands.

The general conclusion to be drawn from the report is that there is more insanity in the East than in the West, more in the North than in the South, more in the cities than in the country, and more among old people than among the young. As for any particular state or section, the newer it is the greater degree of mental normality and health one may expect to find there.—Statesman.

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