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IMPORTANT SESSION OF CITY COUNCIL

Building Permit Requested by Peter Paulus for Two Story Brick on First.

THE CITY WONT BUY BOOTS FOR WHITE WINGS

Usual Bills Allowed and Other Business Transacted at the Meeting.

That the mayor and members of the city council are thoroughly in earnest in their campaign for a uniform system of cluster lights in Albany, was indicated at the regular session of the city council held last evening.

With plans and specifications and an estimate of the cost of installing a cluster lighting system, covering the city, Mr. L. C. Kelsey, engineer, presented his estimates to Mayor Gilbert, who suggested that an informal meeting of the council be held to consider the matter. Accordingly the city duals will gather at the city hall this morning at 9 o'clock for this purpose.

An ordinance to enlarge the duties and primarily to regulate the electric wiring of the city was read. Mr. Voss, of the Equitable Rating board of fire underwriters, of Portland, addressed the council on this bill, which was referred to the committee on ordinances.

The proposed building ordinance bill introduced in the council before was read and also referred to the committee on ordinances. This bill is to regulate the construction of buildings in the fire limits of the city.

The following applications for the erection and altering of buildings was referred to the committee on fire and water. The application of R. D. Snell as contractor to erect a two-story brick building on First street near the corner of Broadbalm, with a frontage of 22 feet, for Peter Paulus, and one by the same contractor to remodel a building on Second street for Mrs. Maggie S. Uhl. I. J. Terrill applied for permission to erect a one-story brick building in the Eastern addition, which was also referred to the fire and water committee.

Upon motion of Councilman Hulbert, the city engineer was ordered to survey the proper grades and the street superintendent to fix Tenth street near Elm. Street Superintendent Junkin's recommendation to place a cement walk and curbing on north side of lots 2 and 3, Monteith's addition at expense of property owners was adopted. An ordinance introduced by Councilman Lyons to curb and grade Jefferson street south of Water was authorized. Mr. Lyons also introduced a measure to advertise for E. A. McFerrin and Ada E. Robinson in a case of delinquent street paving taxes.

A proposal by Councilman Johnson that the city furnish rubber boots for the street cleaning department met with opposition and was dropped. It appeared to members of the council that the city compensated its help to the extent that they could afford to purchase their own wearing apparel.

The city recorder was authorized to collect delinquent dog taxes and it was further ordered that changes be made at the fire department building to accommodate the new apparatus which is expected to arrive in the near future. This was referred to the committee on fire and water with power to act.

Mayor Gilbert announced that the matter of a county pest house would be taken up as soon as Commissioner Butler, who is ill with pneumonia, is able to confer on the subject.

The council authorized payment of the following bills: M. Senders, \$37.60; Ralston Electric Co., \$0.60; F. L. Ries, \$26.25; G. M. Junkin, \$0.75; A. W. Dockstader, \$5.50; A. Fuller & Son, \$1.00; J. R. Penland, \$35.00; A. W. Cormack, \$500; F. E. Van Hassel, \$3.82; G. M. Knox, \$19.25; George Simon, \$24.00; L. C. Kelsey, \$150.00; C. M. Payne, \$41.00; L. L. Swan, \$102.50.

All members of the council were present at the session last night.

SCARLET FEVER AT TANGENT; MEETING POSTPONED

Because a number of cases of scarlet fever have developed in the vicinity of Tangent, the educational meeting which was scheduled to take place at that place on Saturday has been called off by County Superintendent W. L. Jackson.

Mr. Jackson last night received a phone message from Tangent, which conveyed the information that the local schools have been closed because of the epidemic.

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NEW LAW PASSED MAKES IMPORTANT CHANGES

County Assessor Fisher Tells of New Statute Passed by Oregon Legislature.

Returning last night from Salem where he conferred with the members of the state tax commission in regard to the new law passed by the present legislature, making radical changes in the methods of handling tax matters, County Assessor Fisher this morning explained some of the provisions of the new statute.

"Under the provisions of the new law," said Mr. Fisher, "the assessor, instead of the clerk, will hereafter extend the tax roll on the county records. The county equalization board will meet the 2nd Tuesday in September instead of the 3rd Monday in October. This will give the cities and school districts more time in which to make their levies. The county court will also make the county levy in December instead of January."

SCHOOL FUNDS ARE NOW BEING APPORTIONED

Balance of \$37,498 in School Fund for Present Year; \$4.47 Per Capita.

For the past few days County School Superintendent Jackson has been apportioning the school funds of the different schools of the county.

The balance of the county school fund for the present year amounts to \$37,498, making \$4.47 per capita. An additional sum of \$5 for every teacher who attended the normal teachers institute at Corvallis last November will also be apportioned and turned back to the school board. No teachers receive their regular salary while attending these institutes and it is for this reason that the county turns back to the board \$5 to each teacher.

The county court has also allowed 10 cents per capita for reference books and other books for the school libraries. The selection of proper books has been requiring a good deal of Mr. Jackson's time at present.

EMMA CARLTON BRINGS SUIT FOR LEGAL SEPARATION

A Portland Woman Named as Correspondent in Case; Non-Support Also Alleged.

Charging cruel and inhuman treatment, rendering her life a burden, and demanding an absolute decree of divorce from her husband, whom she alleges has no honor or principle about him, Emma Carlton, of this city, has instituted proceedings against George W. Carlton.

The couple were married in this city September 24, 1912. After living with her husband for one month, Mrs. Carlton alleges that he left home with a pretense of securing a position which had been offered him in Coos Bay, Wis. Instead of going to that city, the husband went to Portland, where, it is charged, he associated with other women, claiming as a reason for being in Portland that he was sick in the hospital.

The complaint further alleges that the defendant never contributed anything towards the support of the plaintiff, and that she continually gave money toward his support. Mrs. Lilly Berris is named as a correspondent in the case, which will come up at an early term of the circuit court. L. M. Curl is the attorney for the plaintiff.

Representatives Porter, Childs and Herd and Senator Smith were members of the state legislature passing through the city this noon on their way back to their homes. Mr. Porter doubted if he would go back to Salem when the legislature reconvenes on Tuesday, unless something new occurs, and Mr. Herd was of the same mind. Senator Smith was one of the men who had the machine against him, a fact to his credit. He resides on Coos Bay, and did his best along sane lines, but most of his bills were crushed into pancakes.

Owing to the fact that some of our subscribers have as yet been unable to respond to the statements mailed out during the past week, the special offer to delinquent subscribers will be held open for a limited time in order to give all patrons an opportunity to pay up their old subscription at the advance rate of \$1.25 per annum instead of at \$1.50. All subscribers who have received statements are urged to remit for their subscription by return mail if possible to do so; otherwise to acknowledge receipt of same, giving the management some idea of when the account will be settled.

ATTEMPT MADE TO BURN GATES SCHOOL

\$4000 School Building Has a Narrow Escape from Flames Tuesday.

THE BLAZE IS SAID TO BE OF INCENDIARY ORIGIN

Factional Fight on Among the Citizens of School District Assigned as Reason.

According to meagre details received over the telephone from Gates late yesterday afternoon by County School Superintendent W. L. Jackson, it was feared that an attempt was made late Tuesday night to burn down two school buildings located at that place.

The two school districts of that section have been engaged for some time in a dispute over the election of a new school board, which occurred recently, and since that time there has been no peace between the two factions.

The old school house which had become inadequate was replaced by a new \$4000 school building, which was built on the same lot, last summer, and the establishment of this building met with bitter opposition from the one faction while the other element was instrumental in its erection. From the details given over the phone it appears that the climax in the situation came Tuesday night, when, it is alleged, leaders of the opposing faction proceeded to set fire to the old building, with the apparent intention of destroying the new building also.

However, the fire was discovered in time to be extinguished before much damage was done, the extent of the damage being a hole burned in the side of the old building. It was said that coal oil was used to start the fire.

Mr. Jackson has taken the matter up with the district attorney and the sheriff and the possibility is that a deputy sheriff will be detailed to make an investigation with instructions to report the result to the grand jury. This is the third attempt made of this nature on school buildings according to Mr. Jackson. Last fall a school at North was set afire and three years ago an attempt was made to destroy the district school at Syracuse in the same manner.

W. O. W. LODGE WILL HOLD EIGHTEENTH ANIVERSARY

Members Anticipating a Large Crowd at Meeting Which Will Be Held Tomorrow.

The eighteenth anniversary of Albany Camp 103 W. O. W. will be held tomorrow evening in the lodge rooms. The Woodmen of the World is one of the leading lodges of this city, and is considered one of its most active orders.

A special invitation is extended to the old members and visiting neighbors. During the evening a dainty lunch will be served and a general pleasant session is anticipated.

Among the charter members are some of the most prominent people of the city. The following are the charter officers of the lodge:

C. E. Hawkins, consul commander; Louis Vierck, adviser; Clarence Brown, escort; C. G. Burkhardt, banker; C. W. Watts, clerk; D. G. DuBrulle, watchman; G. M. Chesney, sentry; W. H. Davis, physician; T. G. Davis, W. H. Davis and C. A. Cameron, managers.

LACOMB MAN CLAIMS BOUNTY ON WILD CAT

When W. L. Burton, a prominent resident of Lacombe, came to the county seat to pay his taxes yesterday afternoon, he incidentally brought with him the hide of a wild cat which he shot within 20 yards of his home.

He collected a bounty of \$2 on the animal. He remarked that if the bounty was a little heavier on cougars, the deer would be safer, a larger bounty making it worth a man's time to go into the woods in search of this treacherous cat.

Constable John Catlin returned this forenoon from the jungles of the Sautiam and left on the Lebanon train on sleuth business.

Bob Johnson, of Corvallis, went down to Sale mthis afternoon.

NOVEL CEREMONY TOMORROW NIGHT

Past Masters of Masonic Lodge Will Confer the Degree on Candidate.

ELABORATE BANQUET WILL FOLLOW LODGE WORK

Masons from Many Towns in Linn County Have Signified Intention of Coming.

One of the most novel and interesting ceremonies in the history of St. John's Lodge, No. 17, A. F. and A. M. will take place tomorrow evening, when the past masters of the lodge meet to confer the master mason degree upon a candidate.

Upon invitation of Worshipful Master C. H. Wieder, of St. John's Lodge, it was decided that past masters of the lodge be requested to confer the degree and no one but past masters will be permitted to take part in the work. During the ceremony past master D. P. Mason will preside as Worshipful Master.

This is probably the first time in the history of the lodge that past masters have been bestowed with the honor of conducting the ceremony of the master mason degree and it is said that a rare treat is in store for the Masons attending this function. It is expected to be interesting in the extreme, presenting a novel and appreciable sight when some of the oldest past masters of the state are seen participating in the ceremony.

Prominent Masons from Jefferson, Lebanon, Brownville, Halsey, and Shedd are expected to attend and a big time with a large attendance is anticipated. Following the conferring of the degree an elaborate banquet will be served in the banquet room of the lodge, by Franz Pfeiffer, the popular caterer.

All master Masons are cordially invited to attend this session.

M. V. Weatherford went to Salem this afternoon to consult the state library in the interest of his client, Henry, to be tried next week for murder. A strong fight will be put up. The fact that Henry killed a man who had helped break up his family and get his wife away from him, will undoubtedly be made a strong issue in the case.

METHODIST MINISTER CLAIMS ALBANY WOMAN AS BRIDE

Miss Clara Blain Was United in Marriage This Afternoon to Rev. Esping of Shaniko.

A wedding of much local interest was that of Rev. Frederick Theodore Esping, of Shaniko, and Miss Clara Blain, a native of this city, at the home of the bride's brother, Mr. L. E. Blain, at 4 o'clock this afternoon. The ceremony was private, being performed by Rev. Leach, in the presence of relatives in a simple ceremony, following Mendelssohn's wedding march by Miss Nutting.

The groom is a prominent resident of Shaniko, a retired minister of the M. E. church, now following the trade of stair-building and carpentry, a man of worth, and the bride, a resident of Albany for many years, is a daughter of one of Oregon's pioneer ministers, a sister of L. E. and W. R. Blain of this city, like the groom a member of the M. E. church.

They will leave this week for Shaniko, where Mr. Esping has a home prepared for them. Rev. and Mrs. Esping became acquainted near Shaniko, where the bride resided a year or two with a well known family of Wasco county.

MISS GERTRUDE HOWARD MARRIED HERE YESTERDAY

On Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock Mr. J. Roberts and Miss Gertrude Howard were united in marriage by Rev. D. H. Leach.

Miss Howard is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Howard of East Third street, a young lady of splendid character and attainments.

Mr. Roberts is in the employ of the Oregon Electric Railway Co. having charge of construction work. He came here from Roseburg, Douglas county.

Mrs. Ed. Huston, of Heppner, left for home this afternoon after a visit of some time with her mother, Mrs. Stuart, and sister, Mrs. W. H. Davis, and other relatives and friends.

BURGLARS ARE OPERATING AT STRAWBERRY CITY

Night Prowler Attempts to Enter Hardware Store Conducted by Everett & Kyle.

A daring burglary was attempted at the store building of Everett, Kyle & Epperly last night at about 9:30 o'clock, says the Express. The burglar removed all of the putty from the lower window sash which is located on the north side of the building near where the money drawer is situated, and attempted to take out the glass, which broke, causing a noise and just at the time two people came around the corner at Doolittle's store and, attracted by the noise, started across the street to see what it was, whereupon the robber ran.

The matter was at once reported to the police, who soon appeared upon the scene, and a watch was kept up the rest of the night for the burglar, but he did not show up any more.

FORMER ALBANY WOMAN DEAD AT THE DALLES

Was First School Teacher in This City; Husband Was Member of Congress.

Mrs. E. M. Wilson died at The Dalles yesterday at the age of 82 years, after a long and eventful life, in which she played a splendid part in the upbuilding of the Northwest country. She was born in New York state June 30, 1830 and came to Oregon in 1851. Her father was a pioneer minister, and resided at Albany for a number of years, until killed by the explosion of a steamboat on the river near Oregon City. Mrs. Wilson, then Miss Elizabeth Miller, is said to have been Albany's first lady school teacher, conducting a school at this city in the early 50's. She was afterwards married, and her husband was a leading citizen of Oregon, was elected to congress, where he served the state well. Mrs. Wilson for many years was a leader, a woman of splendid literary, as well as social talents, and among the close friends she leaves are several old residents of this city.

CHAUTAUQUA BOARD MET HERE LAST EVENING

Trouble Experienced to Book the Attractions Desired by the Management.

Nothing definite was accomplished last night at the meeting of the Chautauqua Board at the Commercial Club.

The subject of discussion which occupied the attention of the board last evening was the contracts for eastern talent. There has been some trouble encountered in securing the attractions which it has been the desire of the board to secure for this assembly. It has been the wish of the board to engage several particularly high class numbers and it was learned that some of the entertainments booked would be unable to come. The reason given for this, is that they could not afford to come west unless they were engaged by all the Chautauquas in the conference. It is known that the different associations have not selected the same program.

However, Judge Stewart has the wires busy today in an endeavor to straighten out the matter and a meeting will be called tomorrow night at which it is expected a definite conclusion will be reached.

FORMER ALBANY PEOPLE ARE VISITING HERE

Prosperity with rapid development and a bright outlook for the future are the sentiments expressed by O. C. Caldwell, with reference to Bend, Oregon, his home city.

Mr. Caldwell in company with his wife arrived in this city last night for a few days' visit in the Hub City. They are stopping at the St. Francis.

They were residents of Albany five years ago when they removed to Bend. Mr. Caldwell is a prosperous merchant of that section, and says that while considerable improvements and building have been going on in Bend for the last four years, he never saw such a rapid growth and development as has happened in this city.

He has been keeping in touch with this section through the columns of the Democrat, and says he would be lost if the Democrat failed to appear every morning.

D. W. Rumbaugh, county fruit inspector, went to Harrisburg this afternoon, to look after fruit trees in that section.

Misses Elissa Will and Bertha Stark arrived this noon from Aurora on a visit at the home of Miss Stark's father, Dr. Stark.

COUNCIL FAVORS CLUSTER LIGHTS

Met in Executive Session This Morning to Discuss Plans for Municipal Plant.

ENGINEER L. C. KELSEY MAKES CLOSE ESTIMATE

Cost Will Be Much Less Than Was Anticipated Says Mayor Gilbert.

For the purpose of thoroughly considering the feasibility of adopting a cluster lighting system for Albany, the city council met in an informal session this morning at 9 o'clock and received the report of Mr. L. C. Kelsey, a prominent engineer of the Pacific coast.

When interviewed, Mayor Gilbert was elated over the result of the meeting and said that the estimates given by Mr. Kelsey were way below the anticipation of the city officials.

The plans and specifications submitted by the engineer are complete in every detail and include a map of the city showing the proposed location of the posts. The cost of everything is enumerated and is compiled in such a systematic way that the city fathers understood every detail of the proposition. The figures were not made public at the present time.

The map shows the proposed location of 600 reinforced concrete posts, measuring 24 inches at the bottom and standing 137 feet high. Two 60-candle power lights and a 100-candle power light will be mounted around the top of each post. The posts are to be set, two to the block, on corners diagonally across. The territory proposed to be covered by the lights, is from Elm to Main streets. The posts, as proposed, are to pay for the posts and the city will furnish the current free of charge, from the municipal power plant, which will be erected and maintained exclusively for lighting purposes. In case a resident of the city wishes an additional post placed in some location near his home or if a merchant wants additional lights in front of his place of business, he will be required to pay for the post and a flat rate will be charged for electricity. However, it is proposed to have six posts to the block in the business section.

Mayor Gilbert pointed out the fact that the erection of an electric plant was a matter of small consequence, for in his opinion a good site for the building could be found at the foot of Ellsworth street. The building of the plant, he says, would save Albany approximately \$5000, for the city has access to the water front property.

PORTLAND MAN MAKES PLEA FOR GOOD ROADS

In an Interview This Morning Urges Oregon to Follow Example Set by California.

"California will not lose any prospective settlers if good roads will hold them," remarked Geo. N. Taylor who represents the Association of Western Portland cement manufacturers, in an interview at the St. Francis today.

"Eighteen millions of dollars have been appropriated by that state for permanent highways. Over four hundred miles of concrete roadways are being laid and the man from the East will be able to locate his new home where he can get to town," said Mr. Taylor.

"We do not think of Florida as up and doing. Yet that state has turned the everglade swamps into splendid truck land by drainage and the permanent concrete roads so attractive to settlers, have been laid through this reclaimed land. One of the arguments of the real estate men selling Florida land to middle-west farmers, are these roads."

Mr. Taylor points out that the very desirable colonists from the eastern states will find the road building programs of Washington and California great inducements to locate in those states.

"Will it turn out," he asks, "that with the opening of the canal Oregon must be content with the peasant from Southern Europe to settle her farms, while these sister states, by their far-sighted road policy draw the native Americans?"

"Can we blame the successful farmer from Iowa if he refuses to impose a near-prison sentence on his family, by settling them along some of our quar-mire roads?"

"Can we wonder if he moves to a section that has grown out of the booster literature period into the day of spending money to make the land look good to the colonist?"

With asking the Democrat reporter these questions, this traveler pointed out the splendid advance that the Oregon towns are making in other lines.