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## CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION

### Considerable Routine Business Transacted and Passed Ordinances.

## MANY MATTERS BROUGHT UP FOR DISCUSSION

### Paving Inspector Reports; Take Off Hydrants to Be Installed.

Meeting last night, the council transacted considerable routine business and passed several ordinances, and discussed many matters under the head of "new business." All of the members were present including Chief of Police and Building Inspector King, City Engineer and Paving Inspector Penland, and Street Superintendent Junkin. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved and the report of the committee on accounts and current expenses containing scores of bills, was read and adopted.

The committee on fire and water recommended that the Oregon Power Co. construct take off hydrants on Water street at the intersections of Lyon and Ferry streets, which was adopted.

The report of Paving Inspector Penland was read and approved. Extracts from the report are as follows: Paving of alleys according to plans and specifications completed. Paving of Second street from Lyon to Ellsworth streets are held up on account of lateral sewers not being laid. Sixth street completed to Jefferson, patch work on uneven places to be done today. Committee on streets and public property has accepted 1912 hold over contracts for pavement of Water street from Lafayette to Main as completed.

Petition of J. D. Stedham and 30 others for opening of Denver street from Second south across railroad tracks was read and referred to committee on streets and public property with instructions to file recommendations by next meeting. Councilman Lyons spoke in favor of this matter by stating that it was feasible and necessary, citing that the opening of the street would convenience residents of that section to a great extent.

Councilman Johnson asked for a report from the street superintendent relative to the graveling of Jefferson street from Jefferson to Water. Mr. Junkin said that nothing has thus far been done pending the action of the railroad company in furnishing gravel. He was instructed to proceed with the work today of hauling gravel on the street to fill up holes.

The following ordinances were passed:

An ordinance to ascertain the probable cost of improvements to Sixth street from Walnut to Elm streets, to assess the proportionate share of such probable cost of the improvement, of grading and graveling. The improvement is to cost \$228.02 to be paid by property owners as follows: Lena C. Marshall, \$84.69; D. O. Woodworth, \$84.70; W. A. Kimsey, \$17.46; Ira Cady, \$11.45; Elsieba Voss, \$14.66; W. L. Jackson, \$14.65.

An ordinance to repeal sections one and three of ordinance No. 155, entitled "an ordinance to tax, license and regulate public wash houses and laundries and to define what shall constitute the same," passed by the council May 10, 1907.

An ordinance fixing the time and place of regular meeting of the council and the compensation of the members and repealing ordinance No. 137, entitled "an ordinance relating to the meetings, powers and compensations of the city council," passed August 18, 1885. Ordaining that regular meetings of the council shall be held on the second and fourth Wednesday in each month and the mayor and councilmen each shall be allowed \$1.00 for each meeting they attend, to be paid quarterly.

An ordinance to repeal ordinance No. 649 entitled "an ordinance granting to G. L. Rauch the right to supply the city of Albany with gas" passed by council June 6, 1913.

An ordinance to determine the cost of improvements to Hill street from First street to Ninth street, to assess the proportionate share of such probable cost. The improvement is to cost \$1329.92 and is to be paid by the property owners.

An ordinance providing for the improvement of Sixth street from Walnut to Elm street, providing costs and penalty or damage to city if same should not be completed within time agreed.

An ordinance providing for the improvement of Hill street from First to Ninth street.

An ordinance relating to construction of sidewalk on Railroad street.

Dean Sanderson of Christian Seminary at Eugene, passed through the city this morning.

## HALSEY STATE BANK CHANGES OWNERSHIP

### F. E. Stewart Retires—His Interest Taken Over By Local People.

The Halsey Enterprise says: A considerable change took place in the ownership of the Halsey State Bank the latter part of last week when the stock formerly held by F. E. Stewart was taken over by William McMahon, Mrs. M. C. Bond and son, B. M. Bond. Mr. Stewart's people recently locating in California gave him the notion to move to that state, and he sat about making the necessary arrangements which this completes, he having sold his residence property to Dr. T. K. Johnson.

The regular quarterly meeting of the stockholders and directors of the bank will be held soon and it is expected that all the necessary changes in officers and management will be made at that time to keep everything in perfect running order.

The expressions of regret of the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Stewart are going away are numerous, as their sojourn in Halsey has been pleasant and profitable, both to themselves and to those with whom they came in contact in a business as well as a social way.

## INSURANCE CLAIMS ARE PROTESTED BY COMPANIES

### Two Concerns May Refuse to Honor Policies They Held on Academy.

Pendleton, Or., Aug. 13.—Because a \$3000 insurance policy was taken out in the Pacific Mutual company on the Pendleton Academy and was transferred to Henry T. Hill, who transferred it to Lincoln and Beulah Meador, of Walla Walla, without the knowledge of the Citizens Insurance Company of Missouri, which had already insured the academy for \$6000, both companies indicated today that they will make a rigid investigation of the recent fire which destroyed the academy before paying losses.

G. W. Coutts, Pendleton agent for the Pacific, intimates that the policy taken out in his company is invalid. The \$6000 was taken out when the property belonged to Thomas Hill, who bought it from Hill and sold it to the Meadors. President H. M. Crooks, of Albany College, member of the Presbyterian board which had a mortgage of \$3500 on the academy, is here to attend the adjustment meeting.

## WAS HERE WHEN ALBANY WAS LAID OUT AS TOWNSITE

### A. S. Cone, Aged 86, of Butterville, Recalls Early Days.

That he was here when Albany was laid out as a town site and that he can remember distinctly the early wild west days in this section of the valley, was the statement made this noon by A. S. Cone, age 86.

Mr. Cone passed through the city this noon enroute home from Newport where he has been spending a portion of the summer for the benefit of his health. His home is at Butterville. Despite his extreme age Mr. Cone is hale and hearty and finds his way over the country as he did in his younger days.

"I was here in 1847 and saw Albany laid out," he said. "My but how things have changed since then. Little did I dream to see all this improvement in what I consider a remarkable short time."

Mr. Cone is an acquaintance of Fred Westbrook, engaged in a pleasant chat with the Albany man, who took him from the Southern Pacific depot in his automobile to the Oregon Electric depot.

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Democrat Wants Correspondent  
The Democrat desires to secure a local correspondent at Sheehy, Plainview, Harrisburg, Lebanon, Brownsville, Sweet Home, Scio, and all other points in the county not already represented. Anyone desiring to act as the representative of the paper will please inform the manager at an early date.

Banks Have Big Deposits.  
The Halsey Bank now has deposits amounting to over \$75,000 and the Sheehy bank about \$40,000; money that was formerly kept in the Albany banks.

## IDEN SAYS HE IS IGNORANT OF CASE

### Californian Arrested Here Yesterday Talks Guardedly of Charges.

## CHARGED THAT DEALS INVOLVED \$50,000

### Says Son Is Accountable For Their Traveling Under An Alias.

With his face red from excitement and apparently suffering from a nervous strain, W. A. Iden, alias C. M. Dickey, arrested here yesterday on charge of felony upon instructions from California, when visited at the county jail this morning by a Democrat representative, talked guardedly, stating that he was ignorant of the charges against him.

Chief of Police King made the arrest upon written instructions from Sheriff W. W. Collins of Tulare, Calif. According to reports from there, Iden is charged with imbezzlement, his transactions alleged to involve \$50,000, in disposing of mortgaged properties. He is said to be a prominent real estate dealer of that city.

"The only thing that I can account for the charge against me," he said, "is that six months ago I purchased 30 head of cattle, to later find that they had been mortgaged. I sold the cattle regardless of the mortgage at \$90 per head. He forced a strained laugh when told that his transactions are said to involve \$50,000, claiming that there was nothing to it.

"My son Wade and myself left Tulare after leaving the rest of the family at Long Beach, for a tour of the Northwest, about July 17. We went up into Canada and visited all of the places of interest, including the big cities. It was mainly a trip for the benefit of my health and recreation. Returning we stopped off at various places in Washington finally coming here. I lived here ten years ago, residing at Tangent, where I was a minister. I have preached here in the South Methodist church many times. I also engaged in the real estate business here. I met D. S. Smith then and while here I called upon him. We were on our way home. My son got tired of the trip and I let him go on home and I received a telegram this morning saying that he had joined the family at Long Beach."

Asked why he was traveling under the name of Dickey he replied in uncertain words, "Oh, that was my son's doings. He has a friend by that name and suggested that we register under that name to see if Mr. Smith would know us. I told the hotel man my real name."

"Will you fight extradition?" he was asked.

"Believing as I do, that this thing is spite work on the part of my enemies," he replied, "I most certainly will if I find this to be the case when the warrant arrives."

At Iden's request Sheriff Bodine retained Attorney Blyden to visit the prisoner in jail this morning to discuss this matter. The outcome of the consultation was that they would await the arrival of officers from California before acting.

Iden reiterated his statement of last night that "I will give \$10,000 cash bail if I may be permitted to return to California alone or I will pay an officer for his time and expenses if I may return in his custody."

## CATLIN IS RELIEVED OF JOB AS POUNDMASTER

Without assigning any reason for the change but presumably because the officer was not thoroughly in love with his position and therefore not sufficiently active in the work of impounding dogs Poundmaster John Catlin was last night relieved from his duties and C. H. Oliver appointed in his place.

Since assuming his duties Catlin has not killed any dogs and it is claimed by one member of the council that he has therefore failed to qualify for the office.

Oliver was at one time poundmaster but he was removed from office because he exercised too much authority. Complaints came pouring into the city authorities because of the manner in which he performed his duties and Officer Catlin was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Constable Catlin has always been a capable and efficient officer.

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## FORCED HORSE TO TRAMPLE HIS WIFE

### Clara S. Groshong Has Started Suit Against Husband on Grounds of Cruelty.

## JOSEPH E. GROSHONG IS DEFENDANT IN CASE

### Many Allegations Are Made in Complaint Filed by Marion County Woman.

Charging that he beat her about the body with a heavy rope and tried to force a horse to trample upon her, Clara S. Groshong has filed suit in the county circuit court against Joseph E. Groshong for divorce upon the grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment.

The plaintiff is a resident of Marion county. She was married to Groshong in Vancouver, Washington, November 26, 1898. There are no children.

In her complaint the plaintiff claims that at all times she has treated the defendant as a loving wife but that on the other hand he has treated her cruelly and inhumanly, with personal indignities.

According to the allegations, Groshong has conceived, without cause, a violent dislike for Nora T. Donaldson, a daughter of the plaintiff by a former marriage, treating her cruelly and indecently. Groshong is alleged on several occasions to have struck and beat the child and when the mother interposed turned his wrath upon her.

On July 31, 1913, according to the complaint, the defendant in a fit of anger struck the plaintiff a number of times with a heavy rope and tried to force a horse to trample upon her.

The plaintiff alleges that the defendant is of a morbid and melancholy disposition and has often threatened to kill himself and to kill her. She claims that he has failed to support her and that she has been the means of their livelihood. Mrs. Groshong was formerly Mrs. Clara S. Donaldson. She asks the court to dissolve the bonds of matrimony and restore this name to her.

Property involved in the suit consists of real property of nine acres in two tracts of four and five acres each and personal property of the value of \$500, all belonging to the plaintiff. She stipulates in her complaint that she is willing to transfer the five acre tract to the defendant. Attorney C. E. Ross of Silverton represents the plaintiff.

## VILLARD HALL WALLS ARE BEING NEWLY TINTED

Eugene, Or., Aug. 14.—The auditorium of Villard Hall at the University has been treated to the first coat of tinting since it was built. Heretofore, the rough plastered walls have greeted assembly speakers and the commencement guests. The walls are tinted brown and the woodwork is being painted buff. The painters declare they have covered up five acres of space since beginning the job last week.

Delos C. Foster returned Tuesday night from Delano Beach, Wash., where he attended a meeting of the employed officers of the Y. M. C. A.

## FUNERAL OF LATE MRS. CORNELIUS HELD YESTERDAY

The funeral of Mrs. J. M. Cornelius, who died very suddenly at her home on the Crabtree road four miles east of town, was conducted at the Central Christian church by Dr. F. W. Emerson yesterday, at two o'clock. Interment was in the city cemetery near the church. Mrs. Cornelius had been afflicted with heart trouble for some time and passed away suddenly on Monday evening while attending to her household duties. A son and daughter, together with her husband and aged father are left to mourn her taking away. The family has resided in that community for many years and a large circle of friends assembled to pay tribute to the esteem in which the deceased was held.

Prominent Salem Man Here.

Hon. Walter Toozee, of Salem, was in the city this noon on his way home from Newport, where he has been several weeks. His twin sons, correspondents for several papers, remained for the season. Mr. Toozee was prominent for years in political circles, being a candidate on the Republican ticket for congressman.

## BIG ELECTRIC SIGN MAY BE ERECTED ACROSS STREET

### Bligh Theater May Be Allowed to Install Attractive Advertisement.

That the new Bligh theater may install an attractive electric sign across First street in front of the new building was indicated last night at the council meeting.

The matter was brought by Councilman Blount at the instance of Conrad Meyer, representing T. G. Bligh. By the fact that there is an ordinance prohibiting the construction of a sign over so many inches of the sidewalk, except on special occasions or by special permit, the matter was referred to the committee on ordinances with instructions to investigate it and report at the next meeting. The sentiment appeared to be favorable in the matter.

The sign with the word "Bligh" is to be strung across the street by cables. The letters will be three feet in height and will contain 32 bulbs. It is to be neat and attractive and substantially erected. It is hoped by the management of the theater, according to a statement made by Mr. Meyer, that the sign can be installed for the opening of the play house, which has been planned for September 8.

## RAUCH TO BE GRANTED ANOTHER FRANCHISE SOON

### Addressed City Council Last Night and Stated That Intention Was Good.

Claiming that he and his backers entertain the best of intentions, G. L. Rauch, to whom a gas franchise was granted sometime ago and which became null and void following the failure to file bonds within the time specified, addressed the city council last night stating that he did not want to give up the proposition and giving his reason for the failure of filing bonds as due to the present financial situation.

After hearing what Mr. Rauch said and holding a full discussion upon the matter, the members of the city council as a unit showed a disposition to reconsider the matter in the form of reintroducing and rereading the ordinance granting a franchise to Mr. Rauch, although an ordinance had been passed during the meeting repealing it. This was decided and accordingly identical the same ordinance was read twice and is to be read the third time at the next meeting.

## PROFESSOR WILSON WILL BRING TEST CASE

### Clashes With Mayor Gilbert Over Dog Ordinance. Will Take Case to Courts.

Declaring that he has consulted his attorney and that he will commence suit against the city of Albany to test the so called dog ordinance and also recover the two dollars which he claims was wrongfully and illegally collected from his mother by ex-Poundmaster Oliver, Prof. E. L. Wilson this morning called at the Democrat office and authorized this paper to say that he would fight the case to the limit.

Mr. Wilson asserts that two days after the incident he spoke to Mayor Gilbert and was assured by that official that his money would be refunded. This is denied by the mayor who contends that there was no positive agreement on his part to refund the money, or to see that the same was refunded. At the meeting of the council last night the mayor cast the deciding vote against making a further investigation of the case.

## MANY VARIETIES OF PLUMS ARE NOW COMING IN

The early varieties of plums are coming into the city in large quantities, most of them being handled by the local stores. The fruit union, however, is taking a few, packing them for shipment. A few apples are also being packed by the union. Manager Crawford said yesterday that the pears would begin to come in some time next week, and then plums would begin to see more liveliness at this place.—Capital Journal.

Miss Mabel Weiger came down from Canby last evening and this morning left for Mill City where she has accepted a position in the office of the Hammond Lumber company. While here she stopped at the home of A. W. Beeson.

## WILSON MONEY NOT TO BE REFUNDED

### Question As To Seizure of Dog While in Local Store Again Presented to Council.

## MAYOR GILBERT CAST DECIDING VOTE

### Vote Stood Three to Three Among Councilmen. Mayor Opposed to Investigation of Case.

Contending that he had been wronged by the council, feeling that the matter ought to be reconsidered and that he ought to be reimbursed in the sum of \$2, Prof. E. Ludwig Wilson addressed the council last night, stating "the facts in the case" relative to the grabbing of a dog belonging to his mother, Mrs. Frances Wilson, by ex-Poundmaster Oliver, in pursuance to the "dog ordinance."

Mr. Wilson stated "that the dog was taken while it was peacefully standing at his mother's feet. Asked why he took the dog, the poundmaster replied that it was at large. When my mother asked the return of the dog and the officer replied that she could have it back by paying him \$2 which she did. The dog was then returned."

Councilman Lyons then addressed the council. "This is an entirely different view of the incident than anything we have heard before," he said. "This dog ordinance is thoroughly disgusting to me anyway and I strongly recommend that the council look further into the matter."

Mayor Gilbert said that on several occasions recently he has seen the dog 25 feet away from Mrs. Wilson in attempting to refute a statement of Mr. Wilson that the dog has remained under the close observation of its mistress. "Where?" quickly asked Mr. Wilson.

Councilman Blount informed the assembly that the only way to keep a dog from being impounded is to keep an eye on it, "for the officers are after them red eyed."

Mr. Wilson then arose. "I feel that I have been wronged in the case. I feel that I ought to get along with my fellow men and that a tax payer ought to have his rights. I have been urged to institute a suit for the recovery of this money."

Then Councilman Lyons moved that the matter be referred to a committee for investigation, suggesting the health and police committee. There was no second to the motion. Councilman Johnson then suggested that the matter be referred to committee on ordinances. This not meeting with approval the fire and water committee was suggested. Following a declaration by Councilman Hulbert that it appeared to be a trivial matter to take up the time of the council, the motions were lost.

Later in the evening after Councilmen Lyons and Johnson held a consultation in the lobby, the former entered the council chamber and addressed the mayor.

"We have talked this Wilson matter over," he said, "and it appears to me that something ought to be done in regard to it. I move that the committee on health and police be instructed to investigate the matter." The motion was voted down, Mayor Gilbert casting the deciding vote. The vote stood in favor of the motion, Hulbert, Johnson and Lyons; against, Simpson, Cameron and Blount.

Prof. Wilson then left the council chamber. Upon leaving the council Mr. Wilson strongly intimated that he would institute suit as it was said earlier in the evening "upon the principle of the thing."

Councilman Lyons offered to bet \$100 that the dog ordinance could be set aside by the courts.

## Returned from Deer Hunt.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Palmer, of Portland, formerly of this county, were in the city this noon on their way home from Newport, where Mrs. Palmer and her sister in law, Mrs. Perry Palmer spent several weeks. While they were there, E. V. and Perry Palmer did some hunting in Douglas county, getting two deer, two bear and a wild cat. E. V. Palmer, with the Portland Railway Light & Power Co. for several years, was recently promoted to inspector, covering the entire lines of the company, over two hundred miles in all, a recognition of competency and faithfulness to duty.

## Race Suicide Problem Solved.

A solution of the race suicide problem is given in this morning's Oregonian in a picture of the family of Mayor Gilbert of this city. It consists of Mayor, Mrs. Gilbert, then Leonard, Helen, Carl, Genevieve, Walter, Glen, Dorothy, Richard and Jack Gilbert, eleven in all, presenting a long line that is bound to attract attention, one that would make ex-President Roosevelt himself stop and take notice.