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9TH ST. PETITION HAS BEEN ACCEPTED

City Engineer Is Instructed to Prepare Plans to Submit February 11.

STREET TO BE IMPROVED AT AN EARLY DATE

Sidewalks in Main Business District Will Be 12 Feet Wide Hereafter.

Important Things the Council Did Last Night.

- Accepted petition for improvement of Ninth street and instructed the city engineer to prepare plans and specifications for same and submit them by February 11.
- Passed ordinance requiring that all sidewalks to be constructed between First and Second streets on streets between Washington and Baker, inclusive, be 12 feet in width.

Two important street improvement measures were passed upon last night by the city council. Sidewalks hereafter will be ordered constructed 12 feet wide between First and Second streets on the streets between Washington and Ferry streets. Practically all the sidewalks in this territory now meet this regulation. Plans and specifications for the improvement of Ninth street, as per petition, are to be submitted by the city engineer by February 11.

All members of the council were present except Cameron, who is confined to his home with sickness. Improvement Petition Adopted. The committee on streets and public property, to whom was referred the matter of the petition for the improvement of Ninth street, rendered a report, recommending its adoption. On motion the report was adopted by the council.

The committee on accounts and current expenses rendered its usual report which was adopted and the recorder was ordered to draw warrants for a grant of bills contained therein.

Plans By February 11. A resolution introduced by Councilman McElmurry and adopted, directed the city engineer to prepare plans and specifications for the improvement of Ninth street by gravel bituminous and El-Oso asphaltic concrete, said specifications to be filed with the recorder not later than February 11. The matter of adding a third paving specification to the petition in order that a third paving concern may enter bids was discussed but was dropped titled for bids on two kinds of pavement.

Sidewalks Enlarged. An ordinance to amend section 4 of ordinance No. 468 entitled "An ordinance relating to the construction of sidewalks and curbing within certain limits and repealing all ordinances in conflict," was passed making section 4 of the ordinance read "all sidewalks that may be constructed on Washington, Ferry, Broadalbin, Ellsworth, Lyon and Baker streets, running from First to Second streets shall be 12 feet wide."

They Want Sewer. Ten property owners petitioned for the construction of an eight inch lateral sewer through block 15 of Hackleman's 3rd addition and block 4 of Hackleman's 4th addition, to connect with the 12 inch trunk sewer on Oak street. It was referred to the street committee with power to act.

Fifty-one residents petitioned for installation of electric lights on Eighth street between Baker and Madison, setting up that that section of the street is entirely without illumination at present. The petition was referred to the street committee with power to act.

Ordinances Repealed. An ordinance to repeal ordinances Nos. 606, 608, 638 and 670 was introduced by Councilman Johnson and upon being read the second time by title only was left over, that the recorder may check up to see that the numbers are correct.

The matter of having the city books audited was brought up by Councilman Pellic. On motion the matter was referred to the committee on streets and means. The committee will employ an expert and report at the next meeting of the council.

Waiting Name Withdrawn. Declaring that it was against the policy of the railroad company to enter into such proceedings, R. H. Boles, of the C. & E. and representing the S. P., addressed the council. Requesting that the name of John H. Stevens, as superintendent of the C. & E. railroad and in behalf of the S. P., be taken off of the Ninth street paving petition, as it was signed under a misunderstanding. The signature represents about 600 feet of property frontage. Mr. Boles was informed that the petition was now a public record and that it was too late to erase the

PYTHIAN SISTERS INSTALL NEW SET OF OFFICERS

Mrs. Emily Hill Ward Assumes Office as Most Excellent Chief.

Mrs. Emily Hill Ward has been installed as most excellent chief of Alpha Temple, No. 1, Pythian Sisters, of Albany. The lodge will move into its new hall within a few weeks.

The Albany temple of this organization is, as its name implies, the first one of the order instituted in Oregon. Mrs. Hill's mother, Mrs. J. L. Hill, was the first excellent chief of the local temple. Mrs. Geo. W. Hochstetler, now of Portland, and then a resident of Albany, instituted this temple. She is the "Mother of the Pythian Sisters of Oregon," being the first member of the order in the state and the first grand chief chosen when the grand lodge of Oregon was formed. She had secured her degree as a member of the order when she accompanied her husband, George W. Hochstetler, when he went to the supreme lodge of the Knights of Pythias as a supreme representative from this state, and when she returned to her home in Albany formed Alpha temple, No. 1.

BROWNSVILLE WOMAN IN POSTMASTERSHIP RACE

Miss Lenore Powell Announced Her Candidacy for Position Yesterday.

When Miss Lenore Powell announced her candidacy for the postmastership of Brownsville, another turn developed, presenting an unusual situation. With the postmaster of Brownsville to be chosen by the popular vote, with five active and two prospective candidates and with a position in the race, the contest for the position promises to be the most interesting ever held in this section of the state.

The election will be held February 7, and Fred M. Brown, who is in Albany today, says that the Australian ballot system of voting will be used and that the regular state election laws will govern the procedure. All of the patrons of the office, whether living in the city or on rural routes, and without respect to their political affiliations, will be entitled to vote. A total vote of about 1000 is expected.

This unusual method of choosing a postmaster was selected after there were four active aspirants for the office in the field. These four candidates, J. P. Cooley, W. J. Moore, Henry Blakely and J. W. Bolin, met and signed an agreement calling for the election. Later Fred E. Harrison entered the race, but he has determined to withdraw. Besides Miss Powell, who announced her candidacy today, B. S. Martin and H. B. Davidson are said to be possible candidates. Miss Powell, who entered the race today, is an ex-teacher in the Portland public schools.

W. C. Cowgill, field agent of the Albany Creamery Association, who has just returned from the Coast, reports the worst storm in a quarter of a century, the highest tide last Sunday, with Yaquina river 8 feet above high water mark, and the mountains covered with snow this morning. Notwithstanding the bad weather, fishing was fairly good, and the dairy farmers are shipping butterfat to the creameries every day.

name but that his request would be entered. Mr. Stevens was out of the city and had telephoned Mr. Boles to appear before the council for him. The petition, it is said, would be legal if the name should be withdrawn.

Following their action, the request of the city council at the time of visit of the unemployed army, E. C. Krause, assistant chief and Otto Swenson, fireman of the Albany fire department, tendered their resignations which were accepted.

Gasoline Tank Bought. Referred to the committee on fire and water after a salesman had explained the proposition before the councilmen, the matter of the purchase of a gasoline tank for fire engine house No. 2, to supply the auto truck, was disposed of on the spot when the committee got together and ordered a tank.

Fire Chief Horskay called attention to the condition of the fire alarm system as the result of the recent wind storm. The matter was referred to a committee for investigation and an expert electrician will probably be employed to put the system in good working order, at an early date.

Mayor Carl called attention to the matter of the probable opening of Tenth street through the block between Washington and Ferry streets, saying it has been called to his attention by a resident of that section. It was the consensus of opinion that the matter was foreign to the present work of the council so the matter was dropped without discussion.

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ADVISORY BOARD WAS ORGANIZED

Will Assist Members of the Willamette Valley Exposition Association.

SIX PRINCIPAL TOWNS OF COUNTY REPRESENTED

Plan Launched to Combine All Localities in One Big Organization.

A meeting was held at the Commercial club yesterday afternoon and an organization to act in an advisory capacity to the Linn county members of the Willamette Valley Exposition Association, was perfected.

The following persons were present: Albany—Judge McKnight, Commissioner Butler, J. S. Van Winkle and C. H. Stewart, Scio—E. C. Peery, Lebanon—E. C. Roberts; Brownsville—F. M. Brown and Ira Hutchings; Halsey—H. J. Seeck; Harrisburg—J. J. Cramer.

Judge McKnight was chosen to preside over the meeting and C. H. Stewart acted as secretary.

E. C. Roberts and C. H. Stewart, members of the Willamette Valley Association, explained the object and plans of the association, and after a thorough discussion of the matter, it was decided that an advisory association should be created, consisting of one person from each of the principal towns of the county, and on motion the following persons were selected to represent their respective localities: Scio, E. C. Peery; Lebanon, S. C. Stewart; Brownsville, Ira Hutchings; Halsey, Geo. Laubner; Harrisburg, J. J. Cramer; Shedd, L. B. Kent.

Before the meeting adjourned the matter of a closer affiliation among the different localities of the county was brought up for discussion. It was thought by all present that a great deal of good could be accomplished by combining in one organization, all the different localities of our county. It was decided unanimously that an attempt should be made to bring this about. To this end it was ordered that an invitation be extended to each of the principal towns of the county to select three delegates to attend a meeting to be held at the rooms of the Albany Commercial club on Wednesday, February 11th, at 1:00 o'clock p. m. for the purpose stated above.

A Good Man Gone.

Yesterday afternoon at the Baptist church was held the funeral of one of Albany's best citizens, J. C. Way was taken seriously ill last Saturday at his home, 624 West Fourth street, and suffered severely until near the end, which came about 7 o'clock Monday morning. The fact that the calamity came so suddenly made it a shock to the entire community, and especially to his many friends, who thought him very strong physically, since he rarely ever complained even when suffering intense pain. His final illness was borne bravely, cheerfully and in the faith of Christ in whom he professed his unqualified trust, even when dying. Mr. Way was born at

CITY NEWS

Marriage License Issued.—This morning a marriage license was issued to Edgar S. Russell, age 20, and Adella Maple McCuin, age 19, both of Sweet Home.

Will Attend Auto Show.—M. P. Cully, one of the proprietors of the Albany Garage, left this morning for Portland to attend the automobile show. While in the Rose City he will make arrangements for the delivery of several Overland cars at Albany. The Albany Garage is headquarters for this make of car.

Flue Burned Out.—A fire in the building occupied by the Hamilton store burned out this morning. The flame as it shot out of the chimney attracted the attention of many people on First street. No danger of damage to the building was felt and the fire department was not called.

Building to Be Erected.—A one story frame building is to be erected on a lot on the north side of Third street, between Baker and Lyon, by Frank Damms, the painter. It is to be occupied by the McDaniels Monumental works, which is at present located in the Cameron building at Lyon and Fourth streets. Work of clearing and excavating the lot preparatory to laying the foundation for the building was started this morning.

Debate Tomorrow Night.—The Albany and Junction City high school teams will debate Friday night on the income tax. The local contest will take place in the auditorium of the high school. The public is invited and the admission is free.

GOETHALS NAMED AS GOVERNOR

Engineer Will Remain in Canal Zone and Direct Work for the Government.

OFFER FROM NEW YORK MAYOR IS DECLINED

Acceptance of Nomination From President Wilson Is For an Indefinite Period.

(By United Press Association)

Washington, Jan. 29.—Colonel Goethals has accepted the governorship of the canal zone. He sent his acceptance to the war department but the text of the message was not made public. Secretary Garrison made it clear that his acceptance was unconditional and for an indefinite length of time, disposing of the rumors that Goethals would serve a year in the canal zone and then accept the police commissionership of New York City. The president's nomination of Goethals will be sent to the senate today. It's speedy confirmation is expected. The appointment was made effective April first.

Sheffield, England, May 3rd, 1896, was brought to America when four years old, locating in Illinois for a short time, from whence he came to Des Moines, Iowa. Here he spent most of his time until coming to Oregon some five years ago. In 1896 he was married to Vena Lowman and to that union was born one son, Edmund T. Way, who lives at the home in this city. Having been bereaved of his wife, he was married the second time Jan. 20, 1909 to Mrs. Myrtle Lawrenson of this city and to them were born two children, Vena and Dorthica, who, with their mother, survive him. He is also survived by three stepdaughters, Misses Velma, Alice and Lizzie Lawrenson, all of whom are with their mother. A sad feature of the event is that his only brother, E. J., who has for some years been an honorable citizen of our town just left last Thursday to locate in Kansas City. Enroute he is now visiting their only remaining sister in law, Mr. Way was a member of the Modern Woodmen, Yeoman, Rebecca's, Royal Neighbors and the Odd Fellows. The Odd Fellows used their impressive services at the cemetery, which was preceded by the service at church in charge of Pastor Elbert H. Hicks. The beautiful scripture reading contained in John 14 was appropriate and helpful, and Mr. Hicks' timely remarks dispensed comfort to the mourners and expressed appreciation of Mr. Way's loyalty to the Baptist church, of which he has been a member, serving as deacon, for many years. He will be sadly missed in home, church and town, but his glorified spirit rests in the Paradise of God.

RESERVE BANK AT SAN FRANCISCO IS PLAN

McAdoo and Houston Holding Hearings in Seattle; Plan Receives Severe Blow.

(By United Press Association) Seattle, Jan. 29.—While Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo took pains to inform the audience, when the regional bank hearing opened for presentation of Seattle's claim for a bank, that no significance should be attached to any question asked by him or Secretary of Agriculture Houston, it is evident that the whole Pacific Coast is to be included in one district with a central regional bank at San Francisco.

The proposed plan to embrace Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana in one district received a blow when President Mackus of the National Bank of Commerce, representing the Seattle Clearing House association, admitted that there is little trade relations with Idaho, Oregon and Montana.

A further setback was experienced when it developed from questions put by the organization committee that even if the four states named, were included in one district, the capitalization of national banks will only total forty-three million, and would therefore be able to supply only two and one-half million of the necessary four million dollars under the six per cent terms of the law.

Governor Lister and Eugene Higgins, of Tacoma also spoke. The hearing concluded this afternoon. The committee goes to Portland tonight.

Urge Community Advancement.

Madison, Wis., Jan. 29.—The improvement of community life in small cities and towns through larger use of school buildings for community meetings in the evenings and on Saturdays was urged by speakers here today at the second day's sessions of the Fourth Wisconsin Country Life Conference. The speakers dwell on the benefits which such frequent interchanges of ideas would bring about in the development of farms, poultry and cattle raising, and even in making house-keeping more systematic and less monotonous. The conference will adjourn tomorrow afternoon.

SECOND TERM OF SCHOOLS TO START NEXT MONDAY

Parents Having Children for First Year Classes Should Send Them Then.

The second term of the Albany public schools open Monday, Feb. 2. Parents having children for the first year classes should send them the opening morning. Children not yet six, but who will reach their sixth birthday before the first of May, will be accepted if room will permit. They should be sent in on the first day if possible.

New students, eighth grade graduates, should report at the high school for registration and assignment Friday afternoon, Jan. 30. There will be a full session Monday, and unless arrangements for course, seats, and books can be made before that time the whole of Monday will be lost, as the principal will have no time to consider the wants of the individual students during the day.

BANY WILL TOLERATE STREET CAR 90 MORE DAYS

Council Grants P. E. & E. Extension of Time to Furnish New Car.

For 90 more long days Albany will have to tolerate the present street car.

Declaring that they have been disappointed by the J. K. Gill Car Manufacturing company, by not receiving a shipment of new cars at the time the order specified, of the ordinance, the order on the part of the car company to handle a rush of business, T. L. Billingsley, of Salem, superintendent of the P. E. & E. said that the railway company was acting in the best of faith towards Albany, that they had done the best they could to meet the requirements of the ordinance, that they would give Albany the first new car received and asked an extension of time from February, of 90 days in which to supply the new car. The request was made before the council last night and it was granted. February 1 was the date set by the ordinance when the new car should be furnished the Albany line, to take the place of the "rattle trap" now in use.

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PLEA FOR BETTER FIRE PROTECTION

Councilman E. A. Johnson Declares That Fire Engine Is in Bad Shape.

ENGINE NO. 1 MAY BE GIVEN NEW BOILER

If Present Equipment Would Fail Firemen Would Be Up Against It, Cited.

Declaring that the Albany fire department was not efficient from a standpoint of equipment, Councilman E. A. Johnson, speaking from the floor of the council chamber last night, urged that some steps be taken towards improving the department along this line, with the result that the water was referred to the fire and matter committee and the probabilities are that the disabled engine in engine house No. 1, on Second street, will be fixed up and re-placed in commission. The engine now in use will probably be kept as a reserve.

Better Protection Is Plea.

The keynote of Councilman Johnson's speech was a plea for better fire protection. He granted that as far as the firemen were concerned, that their work could not be improved but declared that they were deterred from always doing effective work by the poor condition of the apparatus.

The fire engine of No. 2 engine house on Lyon street, was the target at which Councilman Johnson aimed his remarks. He declared that it was in an unfit condition at present to be retained as the only reliance of the department in case of a fire. The engine balked seriously at the bottling works fire several weeks ago, due to worn out places in the boiler. It was reported to some extent by the Albany Iron Works, but he asserted it may at any time become incapacitated at a critical moment.

Might Be Up Against It.

"Then we would be up against it," he declared. "We wouldn't have a thing to substitute it. I would suggest that engine No. 1 be put in order. I understand that we could get a new boiler for it at a reasonable price. In this event we could put it into active use and keep engine No. 2 as a reserve."

Roy Woods of the Albany Iron Works, was called upon and furnished estimates of the probable cost. He said a new boiler to replace the present one would cost about \$600. It will be a plain black boiler and will not bear the nickle trimmings and decorations now on the engine.

After some discussion, the matter was referred to the committee on fire and water with instructions to report at an early date.

Alien Bill Hearing Delayed.

Washington, Jan. 29.—At the personal request of Secretary Bryan the house immigration committee again declined to hold hearings on the Raker alien bill. It declared that Bryan asked the postponement to prevent a renewal of the dispute with Japan.

CITY TREASURERS YEARLY SALARY WILL BE FIXED

The question of how much per year will the city treasurer receive occupied the attention of the council last night and the matter was referred to the ways and means committee for action.

H. B. Cusick, the city treasurer, under the provisions of the charter is paid a yearly salary of \$100 per month and such sums for extra service and expenses as they amount to.

The question arose when the committee on accounts and currents expenses passed up an item entered under the term "extra service and expense." "B10192." Later in the meeting Councilman Johnson moved that the matter be referred to the committee. An opinion was expressed that if the treasurer's services were worth more than \$100 per year, an ordinance should be passed fixing the salary at such a figure as would be right and save the delay in auditing the treasurer's account as he enters them from time to time during the year.

CONSPIRATORS SLATED GONZALES FOR PRESIDENT

(By United Press Association) Mexico City, Jan. 29.—That General Fernando Gonzales would have been president if the plot against Huerta's life succeeded, is the statement contained in the newspapers here. General Rovison, it is asserted, was slated for the war minister. Rascon is going to San Salvador, meaning that he has been exiled.