

**CITY COUNCIL
PROCEEDINGS**

**Bunch of Ordinances Passed,
Others Ordered Drafted.**

At the meeting of the city council Saturday evening the committee on streets and public property submitted, with its approval, several recommendations made by the street commissioner; that a sidewalk be built on Sumpter street, relative to repairs of water mains on graveled streets, and the fixing of the city limits.

It was announced that the road and poll tax fund had been overdrawn; that this tax is being paid very slowly. The matter was referred to the committee on streets and public property and the city attorney.

At the request of W. R. Hawley and the Hobson Mercantile Company, a permit was granted to erect a rack for hitching horses, on Center street, north of Granite.

The city attorney was again requested to submit an ordinance defining the specifications decided on for sidewalks, and requiring that these details be complied with. That official was also instructed to draft an ordinance requiring contractors on city work to give bonds.

Five ordinances were passed and approved; including chickenpox in the list of contagious diseases, regulating and licensing pawnbrokers, junk and second-hand goods dealers, regulating the placing of signs, awning, gates, porches, etc., prohibiting the riding of bicycles on sidewalks, and repealing certain ordinances.

The city officers were given until Thursday to hand in their monthly reports to the finance committee. Regular bills were allowed and warrants ordered drawn.

An Excursion to Cincinnati.

The official route selected by the society of Christian Endeavor for their International meeting at Cincinnati, Ohio, July 6th to 10th, is O. R. & N. Co., Oregon Short Line, Rio Grande Western Railway, Denver & Rio Grande Railroad, Burlington and Big Four systems. The delegates and their friends will leave Portland on the evening of July 1, stopping en route at Salt Lake City, where they will be joined by the California and Utah delegations. Cordial invitation is extended to all, whether Endeavorers or otherwise, who are contemplating an eastern trip, to join the party. Further particulars may be obtained from Rev. A. J. Montgomery, transportation manager, Oregon City, Or., or the Rio Grande Western Railway, No. 122 Third street, Portland, Or.

The Circus at Baker City.

The Sells & Gray circus will be in Baker City next Monday, the 15th. A great many will be scornfully saying that it is the same old show it has been for fifty years, but every one of those will be seen early at the tent, for the fascination of a circus that begins in early childhood clings to poor mortality so long as it has eyes to see and ears to hear. It is a good thing, too. It distracts man's attention from the cares of the world. The older a man gets the more pleasure he gets in seeing the young enjoy the pleasures of a circus, no matter if it is the same wonderful girl in the same wonderful tinsel that turns the same somersaults through the same hoop upon the square back of the same saddle that is on the same gray horse. There is a new flavor to the old jokes on the part of the clown. There is an odor of sawdust which makes the

old forget he is old, and so universal is this inclination that the gravest and stadiest and stateldest and haughtiest of men are justified in going to the circus. By the way, Mr. Sells, who is himself a tiger tamer, says there is a great deal more honor and respectability about a royal Bengal tiger than there is about a lion, the king of beasts. He says you may tame a lion, get on friendly terms with him, and then some morning without the slightest provocation he will turn and rend you; but if one ever gets the confidence of a tiger, a real royal tiger, when he agrees to be friendly with you, he will keep his word for life. A circus is a great animal study. It is a good study for the artist, too. The way the muscles are put on a tiger or a lion is a study. They mean the concentration of power in the smallest possible space where they will do the most good. The man who does not like a circus is one who is going into his shell.

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