

WATER DEPARTMENT HOLDS CHIEF ATTENTION OF COUNCIL

A lengthy session of the Gresham city council on Tuesday night resulted in the transaction of much important business, the principal items pertaining to improvement of the water system and increased efficiency in that department.

For a second time sealed bids were received on the purchase of 50 meters. Eight bids were recorded, the award going to the L. L. Kidder Hardware company as the lowest bidder on the type of meter desired.

The council placed an order for 50 additional concrete meter boxes, having previously ordered 50. These are being manufactured by A. F. Hammar. The first lot is ready and they are being installed to replace the old wooden boxes, many of which are rotted out and are useless. The cost of these boxes to the city is \$1.65 each. They are reinforced and have a concrete cover.

The council several weeks ago authorized Marshal Cox to have all the old meters taken out, cleaned, tested and reinstalled. Arnold Ruegg was employed to assist the marshal in this work. The work is progressing nicely but it is a slow and difficult task. Many meters have been in constant use about 13 years and some are found so full of mud they have become practically useless for measuring the water used. As fast as the work can progress new meters will be installed where there were no meters and the old ones will be made as good as new.

The work of looking after the water system, along with ever increasing duties laid upon the marshal has kept the marshal swamped for some time. Mr. Cox has put in extra hours early and late to try to catch up, all on his flat salary.

Two weeks ago Mr. Cox handed in his resignation, explaining that he could not keep up the work of the marshal and water and street commissioner without an assistant.

Action on the marshal's resignation came up at the regular meeting Tuesday night and called forth lengthy discussion. A motion was passed retaining Mr. Cox as marshal and employing Arnold Ruegg to look after all matters pertaining to the water system, under direction of the marshal. Mr. Ruegg is to make installation, look after the meters, read the meters and make repairs as needed. Mr. Cox is to act as marshal and look after all matters pertaining to streets and lights. The council also agreed to put the marshal in charge of the auto park.

In taking the above action the council overrode the strong protest of Mayor Miller who urged the difficulty of meeting the increased expense from the year's budget allowances. A full council passed on the

proposition, these being five years and one no.

The mayor recommended the purchase of a second-hand Ford light delivery for the marshal's use. It was stated this would save him much time in covering the city for various duties of his office. The matter was referred to Councilman Raker with request to report at the next meeting.

The marshal agreed to a material reduction of salary if relieved of the water work which undoubtedly influenced some of the councilmen to favor the change. The strongest argument seemed to be that if the water work was properly and thoroughly done the saving to the city would more than offset the increased expense of an extra man.

Clean-up Days, April 14 to 17.

The council decided to have clean-up week early this year and set the time from April 14 to 17. The truck which will haul away all accumulations placed at the curb will begin the rounds on the 17th. Everybody desiring to have trash hauled away free must place same at the curb in sacks or boxes for convenience in handling.

It has been proposed to erect one or two attractive arches at entrances to the city, the brick having been offered the city for the purpose. There is talk of placing one at the entrance to the fair grounds. A committee of the council is investigating the cost of having the work done and appropriate designs.

Auto Park to Be Revived.

The council discussed fixing up the auto park, conducting it as a city affair with the city marshal in charge. Some favored making it free but the majority seemed to agree on 50 cents a day charge per auto.

Walks Ordered Repaired.

It was reported to the council that some property owners were still dilatory about repairing walks or replacing them with concrete where ordered last summer. The attitude of the council was that there should be no further delay in enforcing the order.

At a previous meeting it was reported by a committee that the county proposed to pave Powell street from Main to Roberts as soon as conditions permitted, provided the city would take over as city streets all the paved roads within the city and new portions as fast as paved. The council asked the county commissioners to put their proposal in writing. The following communication from the board was presented:

"Be it remembered, that at a meeting of the board of county commissioners, held March 17, 1924, the following action was taken:

"In the matter of authorizing roadmaster to prepare plans, specifications,

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Basket Ball Boys Are Given Letters

Letters were presented to the basketball players of the high school yesterday in an appropriate address by H. W. Strong, one of the most loyal basketball supporters of the community. Those receiving letters were Captain Bailey, Glen Winters, Henry Lund, Ernest Nelson, George Pullen, La Monte Stuck and Ray Strong. Other high school activities were reported as follows by the principal, Roy E. Cannon:

One tennis court is now in shape and the other will be placed in shape as soon as the weather permits.

Mrs. Jamieson, dean of women of O. A. C., gave us a good talk recently. We regret we did not know in advance that she would be with us as we would have liked to invite our patrons.

Nominations for student body officers for another year are now in order.

Next Wednesday evening, April 9, a first-class program will be put on at the high school gymnasium by artists of Portland. General admission has been placed at 25c and reserved seats at 35c.

Next Thursday evening, April 10, the elimination contest on the constitution so far as Multnomah county is concerned, will be held in the high school gymnasium. There is no charge for this and representatives from Parkrose, Columbian high school, Riverdale, and Gresham will fight it out for representation in Multnomah county outside the city of Portland. The winner of this contest will receive \$25 from the Portland Telegram and represent Multnomah county against Clackamas county in the next elimination contest to be held in the near future.

Last Monday when fire drill was given the students were out of the building in thirty-eight seconds.

The next speaker to appear before the student body is S. S. Duncan. He will talk at 12:40 Thursday, April 10.

The Munhnotu is well on its way toward completion and will be delivered May 15. Henry Lund, editor-in-chief, and his staff are working very hard on this year's annual and we predict a first-class book.

We are planning for baccalaureate sermon which is to be given Sunday, May 18, and the high school commencement, which will be given either Thursday or Friday nights, May 22 or 23. Senior class night will probably be given Tuesday evening, May 20.

Miss Dorothy Dickey, musical director of the high school, and twenty girls left today for Pacific University at Forest Grove to compete with other high schools of the state in chorus, vocal and piano solo. A pep meeting at the high school last Tuesday gave every support to Miss Dickey and the girls and we are expecting them to make a creditable showing.

Cafeteria at the high school will probably continue throughout the entire year save the last week. It has been most successful under the management and direction of Miss Augusta Hahn, who is the domestic science teacher.

As school draws rapidly to a close and students are looking forward to summer vacation, we must not lose sight of the fact that some of our best work must be done now. Parents and guardians are advised to peruse the report card carefully as the next report is the last to be issued before school closes. All "Cs" must be removed. We are pleased there are only a few unsatisfactory grades but we feel some students might be disappointed unless they continue diligently at the last of the school year.

Baseball is the order of the day in athletics at the high school and at least four good games will be played on the local diamond. We expect to play The Dalles high school which has the football team which won the state championship last year and claims to have a very strong baseball team. Coach Noftinger is well pleased with his baseball material and expects to make a good showing.

Eugene and Francis Wellings are the last two students to enroll in Union high. Both are juniors and Eugene played on the football team representing Baker high school last year.

SERVICES AT ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH

The examination of the confirmands belonging to this year's class will be held at the services Sunday morning beginning at 11 a. m. Those belonging to the class are Christ and John Gantenbein, Emma Kuch, Walter Langlitz, Elsie Mattson, Clifford Nelson and Gertrude and William Ruhlén. Special music will be rendered by the choir.

Sunday school with classes for all ages will be held at 10 a. m.

Young People's meeting will be conducted by Miss Dora Hemrich at 8 p. m. The topic for discussion will be: "How Jesus Loved and Served."

SUNDAY SERVICES AT METHODIST CHURCH

The services next Sunday at the Methodist Episcopal church will be conducted both morning and evening by the pastor, the Rev. A. S. Hisey. His theme for morning will be "A Walk in the Light." For evening, "While Men Slept."

In the morning the choir will sing the anthem, "Thy Way Is in the Sanctuary." In the evening Jackson Jones will sing a solo.

The Kimball School chorus is scheduled for a series of concerts covering three points of the parish. They will be at Pleasant Home Saturday evening, The Epworth League is sponsoring their appearance at Gresham on Tuesday. Their final concert will be given at Rockwood on Thursday.

The devotional topic for the Epworth League Sunday evening will be "Christ Fulfilling His Father's Commission." Melvin Johnston will be the leader.

BRIQUETS.

Summer prices in effect now. Ekstrom Truck Service, phone 1581.

Kimball School Glee Club

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FOR THE NATIONAL DEFENSE.

It was the privilege of the editor to attend the war anniversary banquet at the armory last night in Portland given in honor of Adjutant-General George A. White. There were about 300 guests, seated at the long tables, a civilian and a guardsman alternating. There were many distinguished guests, among them army officers, guardsmen who won distinction in the world war and prominent citizens of Portland and Oregon.

The banquet was held on the anniversary of the order to mobilize the state guard in 1917, the declaration of war with Germany being made on April 6.

Among the speakers were Chaplain W. S. Gilbert, Colonel McCleave, Major A. W. Cleary, Colonel Sirmyer, Lieutenant-Colonel E. C. Libby and Adjutant-General George A. White.

Colonel Libby presided. He had been re-elected president of the National Guard association.

The occasion was one which not only observed the declaration of war against Germany seven years ago, but was also one commemorating the showing which the national guard of Oregon has made, both past and present, much of which speakers declared to be due to the work of the adjutant-general.

In the closing address Adjutant-General White stressed the need of preparedness. He told of the losses in killed and wounded in the late war and declared that if this country had been prepared, the losses would have been but half as great.

The regular standing army of the United States is practically nil.

The national guard is the country's first line defense. It is supported and maintained and trained chiefly by the federal government and is our citizen-soldier.

A four-day school of instruction for commanders of guard companies is being held this week at the armory. Commanders of all guard companies in Oregon are attending.

Gresham is indeed fortunate in having a headquarters company organized here. C. G. Schneider is commanding officer.

KIMBALL GLEE CLUB ON POWELL VALLEY CIRCUIT

Much interest is shown in the booking of three dates for the glee club of Kimball School of Theology at various points of the Powell Valley circuit of the Methodist Episcopal church. This is an aggregation of singers who have delighted audiences wherever they have appeared. The Rev. Earl B. Cotton is director of the glee club. His sister, Miss Irene, is accompanist and Mrs. Cotton is chaperone. The dates are as follows: Pleasant Home, April 5; Gresham, April 8; Rockwood, April 10. Pleasant Home and Boring people will unite in their patronage of this fine concert, as will Pleasant Valley, Rockwood and Fairview. Tickets have been printed which will admit the holder to any one of the programs.

The program will include the following numbers by the glee club: "Yachting Chorus," Gabriel; "O Peaceful Night," German; Negro Medley," Shattuck; "Lift Up Your Heads," Fillmore, and "America Triumphant," Demarest. Besides these numbers there will be quartets, vocal and piano solos, chalk talk, stunts and a pageant.

IMPORTANT MEETING AT POWELL VALLEY

A very important meeting of Powell Valley citizens was held Wednesday evening at the schoolhouse for the purpose of promoting the paving of the Powell Valley road eastward from Gresham to the Lusted road, or such portion of it as is possible to get done in the near future.

County Commissioner Chas. Rudeen, chairman of the board, was present and explained the limitations and prospects from the commissioners' standpoint. An item covering this needed improvement was in the budget last fall, it seems, but was thrown out by the tax commission in paring down the budget. One reason given by the tax commission for eliminating this item was that the route of the Mt. Hood loop road had not been definitely settled and they would not put county money into this improvement until it was. Some contention is still before the courts over right of way. The loop highway as surveyed leaves the Powell Valley road near the crossing of the Bull Run electric line.

Mr. Rudeen heard the arguments urging this paving and promised to do all in his power to secure favorable action. He said he would recommend it and see that it was again put in the budget. The cost is estimated at about \$85,000.

Mr. Ekstrom presided at the meeting Wednesday night and many citizens took part in the discussion. Among those who are working hard to secure this paving and who have met with the commissioners are Karl Hagberg and Harry Long. A good delegation of Gresham business men was present and offered all the assistance possible.

BET MONEY GOES TO STATE SCHOOL FUND

As a result of a trial before Justice of the Peace John Brown last week the case of J. B. McFarland against Ed. Payne to recover bet money was decided for the plaintiff, and the state, together with the costs of the case were forfeited to the state school fund. For the peculiarity of the case and the small amount involved, this is thought to hold the record, at least in this vicinity. The two parties to the bet lost their money and the stake holder was obliged to pay the costs of the case.

About a year ago McFarland delivered 12 sacks of potatoes to Mr. Hurst, a potato buyer, at Pleasant Home. Hurst refused to accept the potatoes, claiming that they were of poor quality, having a large number of "bottle necks" among them. "I'll give you a dollar," said McFarland, "if you can find half a sack of 'bottle necks' in the entire lot." "I always have a dollar," said the buyer, and Ed. Payne was made stake holder. The potatoes were never sorted and months afterwards Payne offered to return to each man his dollar but McFarland refused to accept one dollar, saying that he was entitled to both dollars as Hurst had not verified his claim. Payne did not see the matter in that way and refused to pay the bet money over, when suit was instituted by McFarland to compel him to do so.

When Judge Brown rendered his decision the stake holder was quite willing to turn over the two dollars but when told that he must also pay the court costs he demurred. He finally settled the whole bill, however. The costs were \$2.85.

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