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A DISGRACE TO JACKSONVILLE.

In compliance with the resolution passed by a unanimous vote at the meeting of the Jacksonville council at their meeting on Tuesday evening of last week requiring the mayor to call a meeting of the council so soon as the marshal was able to present himself for explanation as to report of his misconduct as an officer, Mayor Britt called a meeting of the council for Tuesday evening. During that afternoon there were secret causes by members of the council and at 7 p. m. Councilman T. J. Kenney called in his posts to his office in his store for a final consultation. As a result of this movement on the part of the councilmen it became known about the streets there would be no councilmen at the meeting for that evening. And there was not, for not one of them has the moral courage to face the music and do as they voted to do when they were acting on their own responsibility and were not under the domination of their boss who was then in San Francisco. Councilman Kenney preemptorily forbid a meeting of the Jacksonville council as he did not propose to have any action taken whatever on the marshal's case.

At 8 o'clock that evening Mayor Britt was in his place in the council hall, but empty were the seats of the councilmen. Marshal Kenney was there and so were a few citizens, though the latter as well as the marshal knew that there was to be no meeting but they were there least something might come up in the "cold feet" show. At 8:30 the mayor ordered the marshal to go out and round-up the derelict councilmen and that official took a turn around the block and reported that not a councilman was to be found. At 8:45 the mayor adjourned the meeting and the councilmen crawled forth from hiding places, the marshal saved from censure or commendation resumed his duties and official life in Jacksonville resumed its even tenor. But there is a city election on the first Tuesday in March, 1904.

It is little wonder that many of the streets of Jacksonville look like the back yard of a tenement house when a number of business men have the sweepings from their stores and offices as well as all manner of rubbish thrown into the street, and housekeepers throw buckets of chicken feathers, old shoes, cans, boxes, old mattresses, broken lamps and dishes and other unsightly trash ranging from a dead cat to a wornout hat. Then to add to this aggregation of all that is unsightly are numerous throwout fence posts, broken boards tipped over tree guards, broken plows, wrecked wagons, etc., etc. Nature made the location and the surroundings of Jacksonville more handsome and pleasing than that of any other town in Southern Oregon, but man or at least a part of him and her, try to mar the town's beauty by all means possible.

The Jacksonville council have decided to plant a row of cottonwoods along the rear of the Jackson creek breakwater and at their next meeting will have an advertisement placed asking for bids to supply to the town 275 poles, 10 feet long. These poles are to be about two inches in diameter and the plan of councilman Huffer who is to have charge of the work, is to plant these in holes three feet deep made with a heavy iron bar. As the entire distance where the poles are to be set is sand and loose boulders there will be no difficulty in sinking the holes and as the water is close to the surface even during the summer months it is thought that these cottonwood poles will readily grow and make a breakwater that will be both permanent and efficient by the time that the present plank breakwater rots out, which will be in eight or ten years. The entire space back of the breakwater to the creek bank should be planted to cottonwoods, for that would make a breakwater that would eventually protect the town from overflows from the creek for the trees would check the current, thus causing a gravel bar to be formed that would hold the creek to its channel. If but a single row of trees is planted there will be the constant expense of keeping plank nailed to them to make a breakwater while if there are several rows no planking will be required. The single row of trees will have to be fenced to prevent the cattle from destroying them and would cost but little more to extend the fence and take in the entire grove.

Marshal W. J. Kenney having recovered sufficiently from his late "unpleasantness" to resume his duties relieved Ed Hubert Monday of the star that carries with it the authority of the town of Jacksonville. To what extent he will enforce ordinances on others that he himself has violated is a matter that is interesting the citizens of Jacksonville. One of the objections to Mr. Kenney, as marshal has been that he was too inexorable and rigid in enforcing the town ordinances, taking no excuses from offenders and allowing no extenuating circumstances to influence him. A stranger violating some minor regulation was held to as strict an account as an habitual offender. A miner celebrating his good luck, or a rancher blowing in his prosperity was just as likely to be thrown into the cooler as any other drunk. The marshal grossly violated one of the principal ordinances of the town and made no excuse nor apology for none was asked of him by the council. Now that the town has been unduly lenient with the marshal it is to be seen how lenient he will be with other offenders, for to be consistent and fair all should be excused.

Councilman T. J. Kenney in his attempt to extricate Marshal W. J. Kenney from a serious predicament has shown he is both a bungling politician and a moral coward. Had he been a shrewd manager he would have had the council meet and take some action on the marshal's case. Had the council exonerated the marshal the public would have had to give them the credit of the courage of their convictions and that would have left the councilmen in a far more creditable position in public opinion than they now are for their action is both an insult to the mayor and the citizens of Jacksonville as well as a disgrace to themselves and the town. Had councilman Kenney been a man of moral courage he would have put on a brave front and made the best of the situation come what may. That would show that he had at least one good qualification of a leader and his influence in the community would not have been so disastrously ruined as it now is. Americans admire a man who can face manfully a trying situation, but they have only contempt for a man who is a coward.

Dry wood in any quantity to suit. Inquire at Orth's meat market.

JACKSONVILLE TO HAVE A FINE ROAD.

At last the long controversy over the improvement of the Jackson Creek road is settled and the road is to be made into one of the finest macadamized roads in Jackson county. Since a year ago, when this road was damaged by the big flood in Jackson creek nothing could be done toward the betterment of this road, by reason of the fact that the town was divided into three factions and no agreement could be had. One faction favored improving the old road, another faction insisted on a new route for the road and a third faction opposed the building of a good road least it would be all the easier for Jacksonville people to go to Medford to trade. When the Jacksonville board of trade was organized, one of the first public improvements taken under consideration was this road and committees were appointed to ascertain what could be done in the way of securing a right of way for a new road, or if it was more expedient to improve the old road. After much effort to harmonize the conflicting factions a union of action has been reached and Jacksonville will have a road that the town and the county may well be proud of. The specifications that have been adopted for the Jackson Creek road give an assurance that a turnpike will be built that will withstand any ordinary freshet in Jackson creek and if no flood comes until the trees that are planted along the creek side of the embankment are well rooted there is every certainty that the road will be no further expense to the community as to rebuilding. In selecting cottonwood trees the board of trade committee has acted wisely for that tree is a rapid grower and has a dense, spreading root growth that will soon afford an effectual protection to the embankment and their stately heights will add much to the appearance of the road and afford a delightful shade during the heat of the summer. Willows were suggested but they discarded as they are a scraggly, unsightly tree, and would soon spread and choke the channel of the creek.

A NEW ROAD WANTED.

Portland, Oregon, Jan. 11, 1904.

Editor Sentinel:—Referring to an article in your issue of January 8th with regard to roads, allow me space to say that I believe Jacksonville in particular and Rogue River valley in general, would derive much benefit from a road east and west between my farm and that of Mr. J. Niedermeyer immediately south, on through to interception with the present county road running northerly from Medford. This would make considerable property available for sale in small tracts, at good prices, that would eventually be developed into high-grade orchards. At present, much of the land along the suggested road is so far from a public highway that it could not be reached, if subdivided into small tracts.

Largely increased population would

add greatly to the prosperity of Southern Oregon. That of the Rogue River valley could be at least doubled in a few years, by rendering available for cultivation in small parcels many large bodies of land now given to general farming. I am both willing and anxious to donate for a public highway any land belonging to me that may be desired for such purpose, and will also contribute liberally in cash to improving a road east and west across the valley, as I have suggested, and any other that may be needed.

If the principal farms throughout Rogue River valley can be connected by telephone, and also brought into communication with Jacksonville, Medford, Central Point and other places, the benefit, both social and business, would be great and continuous. The cost of construction of such a system would not be large, and the maintenance merely nominal. Extensions to more distant points could be made as rapidly as conditions would warrant. Reckon on my assistance in this and any similar enterprise that may be for the general good. Sufficient roads, a telephone system and free delivery of mail throughout large portions of Jackson county will be worth much more than they will cost.

A. P. ARMSTRONG.

Charles Edward Huffstader died at his home in Jacksonville on Thursday morning and Friday afternoon his burial took place in the Odd Fellows cemetery. The services were under the auspices of Jacksonville Lodge No. 10 I. O. O. F. the deceased having been a member of the lodge at Grants Pass, and members of lodge acted as pallbearers and escorted the remains to their last resting place where the touching burial services of the order was carried out. At the family home a brief service was held by Rev. Sanford Snyder with singing by the choir of the Methodist church of which Mr. Huffstader had been a member. There was a large attendance of members of the order and of the church and of friends, at the services. The death of Mr. Huffstader is peculiarly sad in that he leaves a wife and six children, with slender means of support other than the care that they will get by the Odd Fellows, who will see that they do not want. Mr. Huffstader had not been in good health for several years past and recently he was taken seriously ill and Monday he was operated upon for appendicitis by Dr. Gale and Dr. Robinson of Jacksonville and Dr. Cameron of Medford.

He rallied well from the operation and the wound began to heal but typhoid fever complications set in and he was soon beyond earthly help. Mr. Huffstader was 42 years of age, a native of Kansas and he was married to Miss Ermina L. Cameron, July 26, 1887, in Tulare county, California. He was a man strictly honest, honorable, industrious and a true and manly husband to the wife and a devoted father to the children that are left to mourn his loss.

A Prisoner in His Own House.

Mrs. W. H. Layha, of 1001 Agnes Ave., Kansas City, Mo., has for several years been troubled with severe hoarseness and at times a hard cough, which she says: "Would keep me in doors for days. I was prescribed for with no noticeable results. A friend gave me part of a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy with instructions to closely follow the directions and I wish to state that after the first day I could notice a decided change for the better, and at this time after using it for two weeks, have no hesitation in saying I realize I am entirely cured." This remedy is for sale by City Drug Store.

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