

CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

The regular meeting of the city council was held on Monday evening, and in the absence of Mayor Wiley, Councilman S. A. Broadhead was elected chairman, and the other councilmen present being M. Leach, W. H. Carey and H. Mason.

Bills against the city and allowed were:

Pacific Coast Rubber Co.	\$800 00
Marshal's salary	90 00
Recorder's salary	20 00
Case & Fowler	10 20
W. H. Eberman	89 00
Fred Arthur	6 00
A. A. Ford	4 00
Electric Lights	29 00
Water Company	30 00
J. Jenkins	1 00
A. A. Ford	13 00
R. M. Watson	5 60

A petition was read, signed by a number of the business men, asking the city council to appoint a committee clothed with the authority to employ a competent engineer to ascertain and determine the approximate cost of putting in a first class system to be owned and operated by the city. No sooner had the petition been read when R. M. Watson jumped to his feet and read a notice inserted in the Herald by the water company cautioning people not to waste water and to stop sprinkling. This he took to prove that the water company admitted there was not enough water. When Mr. Watson sat down a kind of a frost pervaded the city hall. None of the councilmen had a word to offer, so the petition was held over to the next meeting of the city council. After that was complied with, Mr. B. L. Eddy said, as city attorney, he thought it was his duty to advise the council in this matter. To appoint a committee clothed with the authority to employ an expert engineer could not be done, for that should be done by the city council itself. Another thing, he said, if the council was not careful it would run the city into debt several thousand dollars, for expert engineers charged all the way from \$10 to \$100 a day for their services. The chairman thanked Mr. Eddy for his advice. Mr. Cooper was then called upon, who explained why he had been unable to carry out the improvements to the system as he had promised, but matters had been fixed that the water company would from now on continue to improve the system. For two weeks they had been unable to find a leakage in the pipe line, which caused only a limited amount of water in the reservoir. They had however, discovered and repaired the defect, giving the city again a plentiful supply of water. He accused Mr. Watson of prejudice and unfairness, who had undertaken to "do up" the water company. As the pressure for August did not come up to the stipulation, the water company did not put in a bill for that month's water rent. Mr. B. L. Eddy favored the matter being discussed in an impartial and business like manner. He knew the present system was not what it should be, but he was also well aware that Mr. Cooper could not proceed with the improvements which he had promised. He had papers in his office which assured him that the system would be improved. He was in favor of procuring the services of a practical engineer so as to ascertain the cost of a gravity system with iron pipes, and if no other good came from it it would be a good club to hold over the head of the water company to make them improve their plant. Mr. Eddy also said it was a serious matter for a city the size of Tillamook to undertake to borrow a large amount of money for a water system, and for that reason they should act cautiously and without any personal feeling in the matter. He had none whatever himself. Mr. Eddy thought Mr. Watson was prejudiced and unfair, and in his efforts to "do up" the water company, he had never mentioned a word about the other abuses in the city, and as to the water company giving notice to stop the waste of water, that was a proper thing to do. Every city had its regulations as to waste of water, while the citizens of Tillamook could use water indiscriminately at night. And he remained in the water company should have made regulations to that effect, because people did not realize the amount of water they wasted in the dry season. Mr. Eddy and Mr. Watson got into a little wordy warfare because the former accused the latter of prejudice and unfairness. Mr. Beals thought Mr. Watson had done right in calling public attention to the matter. This ended the matter, and the council adjourned.

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Who's to Blame for the System?

There is a good deal of controversy going on in regard to the water system, and some of the criticism is just and proper while some of it is unreasonable and prejudiced. Let us consider this matter carefully, candidly and logically. To commence. Who is responsible for the water system? Who was it that sanctioned its construction, granted a valuable franchise and agreed to and did pay the water company \$40 a month for three years? On referring to the Headlight of October 15, 1896, we find that two public meetings were held to consider a proposition to put in a water system, over which Mr. Claude Thayer presided, and it is stated "the subject was thoroughly discussed by those present and the proposition found unanimous favor." At an adjourned meeting of the city council on the following Tuesday, with Councilmen F. R. Beals, W. H. H. Cary, Nels Thompson and J. J. Stewart present, unanimous consent was given to the passage of an ordinance authorizing the mayor and the president of the council to enter into a contract with Mr. Orchard to put in the present water system, which was signed by W. H. Reynolds, mayor, and F. R. Beals, president of the council. This is the history and how the water system came to be put in. Without casting the least reflection upon those who sanctioned and engineered the thing through, we must state right here they are responsible, and no others, for the present water system. If they had the matter before them today, looking at it from the hind sight instead of the foresight, would they sanction such a water system? We think not. No doubt everybody thought the system was a good one, and in sanctioning its construction they were actuated to do that which they thought best for the city. Let us be honest and admit that the citizens and the city officials erred in judgment, no doubt because they were misinformed and took for granted many things which, had they taken time to investigate, would have become cognizant of the many defects which they did not see in theory but can do so now in practice. So much for that side of the controversy.

We have stated that considerable unjust criticism has been indulged in. For instance, the editor of the Herald made the statement that he could dip into a bucket as much water as was running from the two creeks into the reservoir, while several of the councilmen declare there is more than enough water at the present time to supply a city twice the size of Tillamook, which calls into question the veracity of the editor of the Herald and shows the prejudice with which that newspaper dealt with the subject, but on the other hand it was perfectly justified in calling attention to the fact that there was a shortage of water in the reservoir.

The present members of the water company are not responsible for the present system if it is defective. It cost the previous owners, as well as the present owners, considerable anxiety and expense to keep it up. The result of which is the city has had an abundant supply of water ever since it was put in. Do not let us lose sight of this fact and rush headlong into kicking and cussing that which the citizens and city council approved only a few years since. That does not appear exactly on the square to us, and that was one reason why the editor of the Headlight was one out of the two who refused to sign the petition that was recently circulated. Probably had Mr. Thayer, Mr. Eddy, Mr. Hadley, Mr. Beals, Mr. G. E. Innans, Mr. A. J. Cohe, or any other prominent citizen, owned the system Mr. Watson would never have opened his mouth and entered into a crusade against them, as it is a well demonstrated fact that he started in to "do up" Judge Cooper and the water company for certain personal reasons, and seeing his opportunity, managed to procure the signatures of a number of business men to a beguiling petition to enable him to carry his prejudice into effect, just as he did when he was an instrument in the hands of others and the city council granted a water franchise to "Mr. Unknown."

We will be frank in admitting that the water company has not been as enterprising in carrying out its agreement with the city council as it promised, and herein is where the company is at fault. But, having vested interests at stake, it is not the policy of the Headlight to pull down another man's business, and for that reason we have not criticised harshly but have encouraged the water company to make the necessary improvements which are urgently demanded. As to placing a yoke of bondage upon people's property, this is another matter which calls for serious consideration, for it is not a very difficult trick to get a city into debt and thereby increase taxation, but it is almost an impossibility for a city, once the money lenders get their talions engrated into it, to get them out. We hope the citizens of Tillamook City will not be carried away by undue excitement by those who want to force the city into bonding for a new water system, and as we are all more or less interested, let us have the kindest feelings one towards another in discussing this matter and then we shall not be trying to pitch overboard in a few years what we became excited about today.

The War Department has been informed that the portrait of General H. W. Lawton who lost his life at San Mateo, in the Philippines, is on one of the new issue of postage stamps.

Another Old Pioneer Gone

The late James Steel, whose death occurred last Friday morning, was born in the state of Ohio in 1832, consequently was sixty nine years of age at the time of his death. Emigrating to California at date not known here, he, however, came to Tillamook in 1863, settling on a homestead on South Prairie, upon which he resided continuously (except a few years absence to California mines) up to the day of his death. Mr. Steel was a single man, could not read or write, and for that reason perhaps, more than any other, early lost track of relatives in the states after coming to the coast, possessing only a dim tradition that an only brother and sister had many years ago came west to California. He seems to have never tried to hunt them up. Mr. Steel, in 1867, was one of a crew of seven men engaged in surveying Tillamook bar, and at that time had a most remarkable escape from drowning from the upsetting of their boat on the bar, being the only one of the seven saved, and what made the matter more, stranger still, he was said to be the only one of the crew who could not swim, the loosened boom pole happening to float within his reach whilst struggling in the water, he grasped and clung desperately to it, until he floated within the bar, where he was rescued by men in boats. Two members of this ill fated crew were brothers of John Stallcup, who resides at present in Tillamook City. Of Steels class or age of pioneers in this county there is to-day not many left, those on the prairie to-day, are Isaac Quick and wife, F. M. Lamb and wife, and Mrs. Sarah Daniel, on Long Prairie there is John and Simeon Earl, Beaver shows three more, J. D. Wallace and wife, and G. Wallace there, with G. W. Boddyfelt of Hebo, are all that remain of the old settlers in this county south of Trask river. Mr. Steel, although a little eccentric at times and suspicious somewhat, as the literate usually are, yet withal was a good neighbor with those that possessed his good will. He never "bummed," never had a lawsuit, and never cost his county a cent through misdemeanor, which altogether is more than the majority of men can say. He was smitten with almost total blindness about a year ago. This necessitated some one to step in and take care of him, consequently he deeded his little farm to Robert Farley, in consideration of him providing for him, the residue of his days, which we are pleased to say here, that Mr. and Mrs. Farley conscientiously done, thus enabling the old man to pass what proved to be his last year on earth in comparative comfort, his remains were interred in the L.O.O.F. cemetery. Peace to his ashes.

Kiawanda Cape is Crumbling.

Kiawanda Cape, on the coast of Tillamook County, a few miles above the Bay of Nestucca, is slowly but surely crumbling away, and the time is not far distant when the extreme point will be separated from the main land by water and become an island. This is one of the most picturesque bench points on the middle Oregon coast. Only a short time ago the several hundred campers at Ocean Park, the popular camping rendezvous near the mouth of the Big Nestucca River, were awakened from their slumbers by a terrific rumbling that shook the ground. It was 3 o'clock in the morning, and every camper was aroused. The general supposition at the time was that it was an earthquake, and in this belief a majority of the campers returned to their couches to sleep out the rest of the night, though not a few were so badly frightened that they set up until daylight, fearing a repetition of the startling phenomenon. The solution of this strange disturbance was not found until the next day, when it was seen that a portion of Cape Kiawanda had tumbled into the ocean. Hundreds of thousands of tons of rock had become loosened by the continued beating of the surf, and with a crash was precipitated into the ocean. Had the break taken place in the day time it would undoubtedly have been attended by great loss of life, as the cape is daily visited by many sightseers and fishermen. Only the afternoon before a large picnic party held high jinks with a roaring bonfire at the very base of the section of the cape that washed out.—Telegram.

Marie Josephine Eastwick, of Philadelphia, was arraigned in the Guild Hall Police Court today, charged with having forged a railway certificate of value of \$100,000. Sensational evidence was presented.

Columbia, splendidly handled, beat Constitution four minutes 19 seconds, corrected time, over a course of 15 miles to windward and back, in the first trial races to select the cup defender. The defeat was decisive, and admirers of Constitution are at their wits' end to make apologies for her bad behavior.

With the breaking of dawn on Sunday the citizens of Cleveland awoke to look upon a scene of devastation and destruction caused by a raging flood. While the entire city was more or less effected the great volume of raging water vented its anger over miles of the eastern portion of the city and caused an amount of damage estimated at \$1,000,000.

Timely electric storms, accompanied by a heavy precipitation of rain Saturday and Sunday, have completely extinguished the fires that have been doing so much damage to standing timber in the Siskiyou and spurs of the Cascade Mountains during the past 10 days. The Ashland Creek canyon fire, which has caused so much alarm, for fear that it would spread to the reserve, has been completely extinguished, and the Government fire ranger and volunteer fire fighters have secured a much-needed rest.

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NETARTS.

Mr. S. N. Allen and family, of North Yamhill, came in Friday, and will stop on the beach for one year. Mr. Allen has very poor health and he thinks he may receive some benefit in the change.

Geo. Hodgdon and family and Chas. Hodgdon and R. E. Fontain left for the valley Wednesday to pick hops.

Chas. Desmond and family left for Polk county Wednesday, to visit Mrs. Desmond's parents.

Captain Hunt of the lighthouse and Mr. L. Baker past through our berg Saturday.

David Hanson, of Astoria, was at Netarts Sunday and Monday on business.

Mr. L. Thompson and family, of Carlton, Oregon, are camping on the beach.

COULSONBURG.

W. Coulson is on the sick list also little Hugh Coulson.

Mr. James Hughey and wife, of Fairview, were the pleasant guests at N. Coulson's Saturday.

E. T. Coulson was called home from Hadley's camp Friday night owing to the illness of his little son.

J. R. Finley was seen in our streets one day this week.

Nearly every one of our citizens contemplate starting for the valley in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Dye and daughter Elsie have gone to the valley, and Frank looks like a lonely bachelor.

Miss Abbie Coulson has returned home after a four months stay at Blaine.

Nathan Moon was a caller here on Tuesday.

NEHALEM.

Fancy Tillamookers praying for rain! [Nehalemites so seldom get down on their marrow bones, please send us a snap shot when they do so and get to praying.—En.]

The logging camp will not be moved at present, they are going to log Roy's timber first.

The fishing question is still unsettled, and the salmon are taking advantage of it, to move up to their spawning grounds.

A raft of logs was taken down to the mill on Friday last.

Two dances last Saturday night, one at the residence of Mr. Ross and one at Nehalem City.

A party of lady cyclists, Miss Selman Allen and Miss Amanda Tinnerst, of Tillamook, and Miss Laura Kabke, of Miami, passed down the South Fork en route for Nehalem, on Saturday, having rode through Foley, Chester Hosking was acting as off wheeler.

BOULDER CREEK.

H. L. Jensen has returned from the valley.

L. Brady, Jay Ford and H. A. Chopard, came in from the logging camp last week for a short visit with their families.

C. A. Smith started for Ballston, Tuesday morning with his daughter, Miss Louie who is returning to her grandmother's, after spending the past two month's with her father's family. Mr. Smith intends to pick hops during his absence.

M. T. Saures had quite a fall last week and hurt himself badly by slipping from a log and falling across another one.

Mr. James Hughey and wife of Fairview are at Mr. Borba's at the present writing.

The Baptists held a meeting at Brown school-house Saturday p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. John Borba have been talking of taking a trip to the valley after fruit.

Oliver Kinnaman is preparing the cage, and now if he succeeds in catching the "Bird" he will be all "o.k."

Sam Lucas, the jovial muleteer, is still a shining example of the "happy man." In fact, he is a veritable "ray" of light.

Listen! Did some one whisper wedding cake, or did I just dream it?

Cupid's arrows are flying thick and fast. Look out? Some one will get hit, and the wound may prove fatal.

Miss Lulu Bays was seen in our part of the country, last week.

Norman Chopard is called upon to mourn the loss of his pet kitten, Popsy, who died Sunday from the effects of over feeding.

Manuel and Juan Borba went up to lake, last week, to visit their uncle.

Everybody is going, going, gone, except the widows, and we will be puzzled to rake up any news until the population returns.

Adolph T. Olsen, head sawyer at the Gray's Harbor Commercial Company's mill, was instantly killed on Saturday while rolling a log on the carriage. It seems the carriage started suddenly shooting the log ahead with a rush, and pinning Olsen between the log and the saw frame. His breast was crushed. Death resulted instantly. The deceased has been a resident of Cosmopolis, Wash, for the last 15 years, and had acquired considerable property here. He was a member of the Gray's Harbor Lodge of the Elks, A. O. U. W., and Rod Men. His wife, a bride of two months, survives him.

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WILLIAM SCHLOTTER: H. E. 11557 for the E 1/4 of Sec. 19, and N 1/4 of N 1/4, sec. 30, T. 2 S., R. 4 W.

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