

CITY DADS' DOINGS

Had a Pretty Strenuous Evening, But Nobody Was Hurt

The improvement on South Commercial street and the movement to purchase a chemical fire engine are the two perplexing questions before the city council. Both came up last night, and a lively tilt ensued in both instances. Alderman Bayne was the leader in the South Commercial street improvement problem, and Councilman Low championed the discussion for the purchase of the chemical fire engine.

In the absence of the mayor, Paul Wallace was chosen as presiding officer. The committee on current expenses ordered the payment of the following bills:

Jack Darr	\$ 18.00
Skaife & Emmett	42.10
Skaife & Emmett	29.50
Skaife & Emmett	29.70
Skaife & Emmett	31.15
Skaife & Emmett	40.80
James Denton	1.30
J. Colestock	12.00
A. A. Kingston	4.00
E. Engle	2.80
Albert Gehlar	6.50
J. W. Manley	82.44
Insurance, \$15,000	260.32

The committee recommended that in the case of bills of W. F. Marsh, \$17.40, and P. J. Johns, \$12.40, the amount of each be cut in half. Recommendation adopted. A bill from J. C. Marsh for \$32 was laid over until next meeting.

A petition for a sidewalk on the north side of Bellevue, from 14th to 17th streets, was granted.

The committee on streets was given more time to report on the grade of South Commercial street, from Mission street to the cemetery.

"I feel that the chairman of the committee has delayed the matter long enough," said Mr. Bayne, who opposed a motion that the committee be given further time.

The committee on fire and water reported favorably on the erection of a corrugated iron shed, as petitioned for by Mr. Damon and others. The report was adopted.

"As a whole it is a very good job, the rods, however, are somewhat defective," said Mr. Gesner, when presenting his report on the Hughes bridge on High street. Mr. Bayne made a motion that the contractors be paid \$500 on the contract price, and the remainder \$97, be withheld until the final report of the committee is reported to the council.

A proposition from the Citizens' Light and Traction Company for lighting the city was referred to the committee on water and light. The proposition was presented by the company, at the request of Councilman Acheson, and is as follows:

"At the request of your Mr. Acheson, I beg to submit two propositions for furnishing street lights under the authority and appropriation which you have for additional service to the amount of \$300 per year, and covering, I am informed, the installation of lights in remote places not now lighted by arcs under our regular contract. If you are not restricted by law to a specific light I think I can offer you a more attractive proposition for either multiple incandescent arcs or for series lamps such as you are now using, if we have the lines available in place. It is possible to place the multiple lamps in position where the incandescents are available at some considerable greater cost, but I would rather do this than give you unsatisfactory service on incandescents.

"The Citizens' Light & Traction Company therefore proposes:

"A—To install for the city of Sa-

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lem such 32-candle power incandescent lamps as the light committee of the common council of the city shall designate under their authority, not to exceed the number of ten and to make renewal for the sum of \$3 per month, the material and labor necessary for the installation of each light to be paid for by the said city, and to become the property of the said city, or to furnish the current without renewals under the same conditions for the sum of \$1.50 per month, this company not to be required to construct any new lines for this class of service however, and to afford adequate police protection against excessive and willful breakage from other causes than electrical and natural.

"B—To install, erect and maintain and operate not to exceed five either series or multiple arcs for the sum of \$5 per month, the only condition that is essential being that we be not required to install these lights at points where we would be compelled to stretch new lines. This is a special offer, and is made to help out the difficulty in which the lighting committee finds itself by reason of lack of money, and is to be good for 30 days only, it being something we cannot afford to be bound by except for a limited time and under very specific conditions. Further it is made in order to live up to the promises made by a former management as nearly as possible. Any service that is accepted to remain in effect for no longer a period than one year."

Alderman Low made a motion that it be the sense of the meeting that the fire and water committee make arrangements to purchase a double cylinder chemical engine and hose wagon combined, the price of which not to exceed \$2200, and a general discussion followed.

The drain in North Salem again came up for discussion, and the matter was referred to the committee on streets. Claud Gatch, who owns a quarter of a block on Division street, appeared before the council, and asked that the council injure no property by a ditch, but that the street be graded and guttered.

The Business Men's League, through a committee, represented by Mr. Max Buren, appeared before the council relative to the sprinkling of the streets. To many business men the present method was not satisfactory. A motion was made referring the matter to the street committee and city attorney for thorough investigation. Mr. Buren suggested that the council might establish a sprinkling district by ordinance, and to assess the property owners according to their frontage.

Mr. Wallace stated that the steel bridge needed a coat of paint, but nothing was done in the matter.

An application for liquor license from F. P. Talkington was referred to the proper committee.

W. H. Westcott tendered his resignation as assistant street commissioner. Ben Drake made an application for the office made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Westcott. The matter was referred to the committee on streets.

Warrants were ordered drawn for the salaries of the various city officials.

Ben Drake was appointed assistant street commissioner, temporarily, on motion of Councilman Gesner.

A formal protest from the residents on South Commercial street, who called the attention of the council to the fact that their rights had been ignored, and that the improvements now being made on the said street were not in accord with the grade specified in the ordinance, was read.

Chairman Wallace referred the matter to the street committee, and a lively and earnest objection was immediately raised by Councilman Bayne, who believed the proposition should be given consideration. He presented a resolution relating to the points involved, asking that the Warren Construction Company finish its work according to the contract and ordinance. The motion was declared out of order by Chairman Wallace, as was a motion by Gesner to refer the matter to the district attorney.

The chair's reasons for so doing were that the contract provides that in all ambiguous matters the street committee's decision is final. Mr. Bayne attacked the ruling of the chair, and stated that the action of the chair established the truth of the claim of the citizens, that they had been ignored. He charged the chair, as a member of the street committee, of always having been aware of the trouble. To Mr. Bayne it appeared that the Warren Construction Company and the Citizens' Light & Traction Company have established a grade not in accordance with the contract and ordinance regulating and establishing the said grade. The councilman, with great vehemence, state his constituents would not submit to an outrage of this sort, but that they would fight for their rights, in the courts if necessary.

Mr. Gesner believed the petition ought to receive consideration, and that

the question should receive the attention of the city attorney.

Councilman Frazier is of the opinion that the improvements on South Commercial street are to be made in accord with the contract, and that the contractors must suffer the consequences if they have failed to keep their word.

Councilman Acheson stated that some of the signers of the petition were now sorry they signed it; that the petition represented but a small portion of the residents along Commercial street.

Presiding Officer Wallace said: "I know we have made some mistakes on Commercial street. The people on that street, I believe, are satisfied, as a whole, with the work done there. I ask the council to let the matter rest. We will consult the city attorney and investigate."

Mr. Bayne replied the protest was drawn up deliberately, and that the parties to whom the petition was presented signed it willingly. The matter was referred to the committee.

A number of orders for the putting down of new sidewalks—wood and cement—were read and adopted. Among these the Willamette University will put down cement walks.

A bill for an ordinance to restrain persons using city water during the continuance of a fire was read and referred to the committee.

Next Monday evening the council will meet in special session to consider the long-delayed health ordinance.

An ordinance as an amendment to an ordinance which provides for the maintaining of slaughter houses and pens in certain parts of the city was given two readings and referred to the ordinance committee. A number of bills against the city were read and referred to the committee on city expenses.

Councilman Low made a motion that the fire and water committee be instructed to purchase 120 cords of body fir wood for the use of the city.

The council adjourned to meet next Monday.

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BACK FROM 'FRISCO

J. P. Rogers and Family Come
Back From a Visit to
the Ruins

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Rogers and daughter returned this morning from a week at San Francisco. Mr. Rogers comes back from this second visit still of the opinion that San Francisco will be rebuilt, but he says the constant recurrence of earthquakes is shaking the faith of many in the future of the place, and these conditions will at least retard and delay building operations. Thousands upon thousands are engaged in cleaning up and building temporary structures. At present there are thousands of small stores, grocery establishments, lunch counters and cheap restaurants in operation. The authorities are especially encouraging low-priced eating establishments as a source of relief, for there are still many thousands camped in the parks, living on relief supplies. Mr. Rogers says there are two large transports in the bay, being used as warehouses by the relief committee, and that they are loaded to the guards with supplies. Nearly every train brings in cars placarded as relief supplies, from all quarters of the continent, and he does not consider it good policy to send anything more at this time.

One-third to one-half of the street car lines are in operation, and there is a moderate supply of water. Electric lights are rapidly being restored, and these public utilities are adding much to the comfort of the city. The Emporium, San Francisco's largest store, has resumed in a small way on Van Ness Avenue, and others are pushing for places to resume business.

Mr. Rogers comes back more than ever convinced that Oregon is a good place to live in.

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CIRCUS COMES TO TOWN

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Parade, the Elephants,
the Ponies and the
Camels

This is circus day, and the grounds at the depot are the scene of animation, and of special delight to the little folks. The parade this morning was witnessed by crowds that lined both sides of State street and the other streets where the procession marched. Naturally the Shetland ponies and the elephants were the recipients of admiration from the children. The usual sideshows and the ubiquitous pink lemonade are making many friends, and the proceeds therefrom lead the management to feel particularly happy. It is an ideal day for a circus exhibition and the country people have turned out in great numbers. A squad of inmates from the insane asylum was massed on State street near Wilson avenue park and all appeared to enjoy the parade immensely.

The street car company is running special cars to the depot grounds, and the large crowds are handled in an effective way.

Along the Water Front
The Coloma, the speedy boat that will ply between Salem and Independence made its initial trip today, and was fairly well patronized. She made the run in 45 minutes, goodly number gathered to see her. The U. S. E. steamer Mathlona arrived here yesterday afternoon. Boat has been busy the past week moving obstacles along the route to Corvallis. Since its launch Mathlona has been thoroughly tested and re-hulled. It is prepared to do effective work.

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