Commercial Association.

At a public meeting held at the city hall Wednesday evening, 2nd inst., the organization of the St. Johns Commercial Association was effected. The objects of the Association were outlined by T. J. Monahan, viz.: To bring in closer commercial relations the business interests of St. Johns; the encouragement of new enterprises; the welcoming of strangers who desire to locate here; encourage civic improvements, and look after all matters of general commercial and social interest to the district.

Officers elected: C. H. King, president; R. Shepherd, vice-president; E. C. Hurlbert, secretary; T. J. Monahan, treasurer.

A committee was appointed to draft constitution and by-laws, and after some informal discussion an adjournment was taken until Wednesday evening, Nov. 9, at which time the second meeting convened in the same place.

The committee on constitution and by-laws reported. The report was adopted. (The by-laws will be published in full in next issue of The Review).

The school and street improvement questions were brought up and discussed with an earnestness which indicates that the influence of the Association is already being made manifest, and demonstrates that in united action much good can be accomplished.

T. J. Monahan and R. Shepherd were appointed a committee to solicit members. It is urged that every citizen who has the well-being of the city at heart will respond to the solicitations of the committee. It is to the personal interest of each individual to actively interest himself in the Association. By so doing results will soon be apparent.

The meeting nights were fixed for the first and third Wednesday evening of each month. The next meeting will be Nov. 16th, at the city hall.

Council Meeting.

The City Council met in regular session Monday evening. Present: Mayor Cook, Councilmen Monahan, Hurlburt, Beebe and Hamilton. The session was a somewhat amusing one. An ordinance prohibiting stock from running at large was presented, and passed the first and second reading. Then the hall opened. The hall was crowded with both advocates and opponents of the measure. After the ordinance was read the outsiders opened and carried on the discussion, almost to the exclusion of the legislators.

A score or more citizens occupied one hour's time discussing the matter, until finally the city fathers got a chance to say a word. Several amendments were offered, some of which the outsiders graciously agreed to accept. But no agreement seemed probable and the council seemed disinclined to pass the ordinance or amendments, the mayor very properly concluded the wrangle by postponing the whole matter for future action.

The license committee was instructed to draft an ordinance fixing a license for public halls rented for the purpose of entertainments and dances where admission fees are charged.

The dog tax ordinance was brought up and at the next meeting will be revised and amended, as the present tax is regarded as being too high.

A petition from a Portland butcher firm was received asking that the tax of $2.00 per day for peddling meat be reduced. The petition was promptly consigned to oblivion.

Bills were allowed as follows: Marshal Organ services for October, $60; Mann & Beach, printing stationery, $50. The bill of Judge Northup, for $50 and disbursements, for legal expenses in the damage suit of E. L. Wood vs. Marshal Organ and ex-Recorder Minor, was laid over.

A communication from Lawyer O'Neill's attorney, demanding payment of $100 for alleged legal services was received. The matter was discussed, and Recorder Clark instructed to notify the attorney that the city did not owe anything, as no service was rendered.

A resolution was passed making The Review the official paper of St. Johns.

Council adjourned.

NOTES.

It is suggested that the hour of meeting of the council be 7 instead of 8 o'clock during the winter months.

The general concensus of opinion is that the cow orlinance be submitted to a vote of the citizens at the coming spring election. Councilman Beebe is strongly in favor of the idea.

The ladies of the Civil Improvement Club, while disappointed to some extent in the result of their crusade against stock running at large are not disheartened and are determined not to relax their efforts. An organized body of ladies can accomplish a great deal, and are hard to resist.

In Full Blast Monday.

The West Coast Laundry Co. is an enterprise that should commend itself to every citizen. A substantial building has been erected, and equipped with the latest and most modern machinery, and the company is in position to do work equal to any establishment on the Coast. Operations will commence Monday next. When in full running order the company will employ about thirty people, at fair wages.

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A Fine Business Block

The fine three story block, corner Jersey and Broadway, is rapidly nearing completion, and will be ready for occupancy in a few days. The ground floor, consisting of four excellent store rooms, has been leased, and will be occupied as follows: W. A. Edgerton, the grocer; Mr. Muck, the corner with clothing and furnishing goods; the middle store on Broadway by Shepherd & Tufts, real estate, and the post office. Mr. Muck will put in a stock of hardware in the next store on Broadway. The second and third floors will be occupied and fitted up in elegant style by the Hotel Rich and conducted by Mrs. Rich, of the St. Johns Hotel.

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