

MUNICIPAL STRIKERS FAIL TO GET WAGE SCALE RAISED

Fourteen Petitions Ask Council to Reconsider and Make Pay \$5 for Common Labor, \$4.50 Sprinklers, Teamsters \$5.25.

Another attempt by representatives of the striking city employees to effect a revision of the city wage scale in their favor came to naught Monday night and a committee of the whole session of the council, called for consideration of the question, ended with a vote on the new scale standing, seven for and three against. The council worked behind closed doors, and for more than a half hour the wage scale question was threshed out in every detail. The poll taken at the conclusion of the session marked the third time the question has arisen at this point and the results in all three instances have been the same.

Alderman G. A. Bosley introduced the resolution which brought about the resolution of the council into the committee of the whole. The resolution embodied a request for the adoption of another wage scale, giving common labor a daily wage of \$5 and daily compensation of \$5.25 to the teamsters. Under this scale the only city employees to receive the \$4.50 would be the sprinklers. When the motion was offered to discuss the question with the council sitting as a committee of the whole, the motion passed with seven for and three registered nay.

Text of Defeated Resolution.

The resolution considered is as follows:

Whereas, inasmuch as the scale of wages for city laborers and teamsters was set for no stated time, and as such is only temporary; and

Whereas, some of the private employers of labor have signed up for a \$5 common labor scale and others are paying \$5.50; and

Whereas, the scale offered by the city is lower than the going wage paid in this city; and

Whereas, the garbage has accumulated for the last two weeks and is becoming a menace to the public welfare; and

Whereas, petitions signed by a great number of the taxpayers protesting against the wage offered by the city have been presented; we

Resolve, that the scale of common labor, teamsters and sprinklers for the fiscal beginning June 14, 1921, to June 14, 1922, be: Sprinklers, \$4.50; common labor, \$5; teamsters, \$5.25.

Protest Balking at Arbitration.

Prior to the convening of the council as a committee of the whole 14 petitions bearing the names of taxpayers were read in protest against the action of the council in raising the wages of the employees \$1 a day. The petitions also protested against the arbitrary action of the council in refusing to arbitrate the question, thus "allowing the boulevards to deteriorate and the other departments to become congested and the health of the city endangered." The total number of signatures on the petitions was 482. Alderman R. R. Johnson moved that the petitions be placed on file and the motion passed. Thomas Barrett, secretary of the strike committee of the Cascade Trades and Labor assembly, signed the petitions.

To Ask Bids on Garbage Haul.

Specifications for the removal of city garbage by contract, as prepared by City Engineer M. L. Morris, were adopted on the motion of Alderman Calvert. It was the understanding of the meeting that the council will receive bids on this work at the next session. Alderman Bosley protested this plan of garbage collection, stating that past experience with the contract system has proven expensive and inefficient. The city could not afford to drop its present arrangement for the troublesome contract method, in his opinion. He cited figures from the fiscal year ending March 1, 1915, when the garbage work was handled by private concerns, to show that refuse removal under that system cost virtually \$1 a cubic yard, while under the city system, the cost amounted to only 40 cents, despite the fact that the labor scale was \$5.50 and \$5.75. The city system, according to Mr. Bosley's statement, saves the taxpayers approximately \$87.37 a month.

Labor Councilman Protests.

Mayor Armour stated the specifications were drawn up with the idea in mind of receiving bona fide bids. When the plan first came up for consideration, Mayor Armour said, it was proposed that city equipment be turned over to the successful contractors. Further consideration led to the conclusion that such action would place the proposition on a labor basis and it was then decided that the contractors must supply the necessary tools and vehicles. It was not the purpose of having the specifications drawn up to be unfair to the laboring element. Mayor Armour stated, Alderman Bosley again rose in protest, saying that the contract system would mean that all the city equipment would be idle, that the 24 hours cancellation clause in the contract would be unfair to the winning bidder and that it would be impossible for a green force of men to maintain the high standard of efficiency now held by the present system.

\$50,000 to Sinking Fund.

Final adoption of two resolutions providing for the installation of water service on Second avenue north, 19th and 26th street and on Third avenue from Seventh street to Thirteenth, was made by unanimous vote of the council. This first project will cost \$3807, and the second \$5,180. No protests were filed against the resolutions. A resolution providing for the transfer of \$50,000 from the waterworks fund to the waterworks sinking fund, was adopted on the final reading. A resolution calling for the construction of a standard boulevard on Fifth avenue Northwest from the center line of Ninth street to the center line of Eleventh street at a cost of \$35 per lot, was passed on the first reading. Specifications for the reconstruction of a section of the Sixth street trunk sanitary sewer, prepared by City Engineer Morris, were adopted. This project involves the laying of either four foot reinforced pre-cast concrete or vitrified segmental block pipe, for a

distance of 88 feet. Bids on this work will be received June 27.

Taxpayers' Resolution Read.

The communication of the Cascade County Taxpayers' association relative to cutting down the city expenditures through the reduction of the number of employees of the police and other departments and the more complete utilization of the city hall, was read. On the motion of Alderman Johnson, the communication was ordered referred to the council sitting as a committee of the whole. It was not stated when a report on the communication would be available.

Albert E. Wiggin, general superintendent of the A. C. M. plant, called the attention of the council to the unsatisfactory condition of Fifteenth street from the bridge to Fourth avenue north. An offer to furnish the city free of charge, a supply of limestone from the company's quarries at Albright, was made and the council voted to place the offer on file. By the use of this material, the city would pay the freight from Albright, estimated to cost \$40 a carload. The report of Health Officer Aloysius Dolan, was read and ordered placed on file.

In a report submitted to the public welfare committee, the petition for the installation of an arc light at the corner of Second avenue south and Nineteenth street, was denied. The council adopted the report. A request was received from the Pentecostal Mission for permission to erect a tent at the corner of Central avenue and Sixth street, for the purpose of holding Gospel meetings. The matter was referred to the public welfare committee.

City Clerk's Request.

City Clerk W. H. Harrison submitted his annual report for the year ending April 30, which was accepted by the council. The report shows the treasurer's cash balance at the end of the year to be \$277,163. Total payments for all purposes amounted to \$1,257,517. Total receipts for all purposes was given at \$1,165,459. The comparative statement of revenues for the fiscal years ending April 30, 1920 and 1921, shows an increase of \$40,109, with the receipts from general taxes responsible for the greatest percentage of the increase. Revenue from licenses, fees and permits decreased materially from the amounts in 1920. Proceeds from police court declined from \$19,268 in 1920, to \$15,510 in 1921. Revenue from interest and sinking bonds increased from \$24,033 in 1920 to \$35,989 in 1921.

State Supreme Court Upholds Ruling Here

Judgements handed down by the district court in the cases of the Montana Grain Growers, a Great Falls corporation, against R. A. Scollard and M. J. Weersing, were sustained by state supreme court rulings filed Monday. The two cases involved promissory notes. The defendants appealed the decision of the district court and the appeal was followed by a motion from the plaintiff to dismiss the action. The supreme court granted the motion.

Miss Gertrude Strain Returns From School

Mrs. Herbert Strain and daughter, Miss Gertrude Strain, have returned from Berkeley, Calif., where Miss Strain attended college during the term just closed. The trip to Great Falls from San Diego was made by automobile, Miss Strain piloting the car the entire distance. They were accompanied to Great Falls from Spokane by Russel Strain, who met them in the Washington city.

Clinic for Children at Ft. Shaw Wednesday

Babies and children of pre-school age will be examined for physical defects at a clinic to be held at Fort Shaw on Wednesday of this week in the old fort building. Dr. F. T. Ford of the United States public health service will conduct the clinic, assisted by Miss Nellie M. Wood of the American Red Cross and Miss Dora Meeklenburg of the tuberculosis association.

DEFICIENCY BILL IS READY FOR PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE

Washington, June 13.—The \$106,000,000 deficiency appropriation bill was prepared for President Harding's consideration Monday when the senate adopted the conference report already approved by the house.

CARD OF THANKS

The junior class of the Great Falls high school wishes to thank the business men for their help with the Junior Prom. Strain Bros., Mr. Arthur of the decorating department of Strain, The Paris, The Mecca Inn, Mr. Suhr, Mr. Pattee of the Mont. Power Co., Mr. Wiggin, Mr. Birum, Mr. Kranz, Mr. Fein, were especially kind in donating and loaning things.

REGULAR COMMUNICATION

Cascade lodge No. 34, A. F. & A. M. This evening at 7:30. Work in F. C. degree. Julius J. Wuerthner, W. M.

WALLACE SCHOOL OF DANCING

Special summer rates in ballroom dancing. Class and private instructions daily. Odeon. Phone 4347.

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BARKEMEYER GRAIN & SEED CO.

Retail store, 15 Third street south. Vegetable plants and seeds. All kinds. Phone 9767. Garbage and ashes removed on short notice.—Adv.

ROUNDUP AND CARBON COAL

Weidman Coal & Feed. Phone 4619.

AUTOMOBILE TOPS

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OFFICE ROOM

For rent in Ford Building. Call at Room 537 or phone 8743.



Large Crowds Attend the Opening Day of 26th Anniversary Celebration and Cash Discount Sale at The Paris

—The immediate response and the liberal patronage denotes the public confidence that this store enjoys and the heavy selling emphasizes the fact that discounts alone cannot make a sale unless they represent desirable merchandise and in sufficient quantity to assure satisfactory selections. Those who know The Paris understand that when this store announces a sale or discount it means something—it is an event of actual benefit. For instance, this Twenty-Sixth Anniversary Sale includes our entire stock of this season's fresh, new merchandise. In the volume of stocks provided, in the desirability of all lines and in true value-giving it is a sale that will not be duplicated for another year. Plan your present and future needs and supply them now at the Anniversary savings.

Double Advantages in Ready-to-Wear

—Because all the special groups that were on sale last week still remain at the low prices and 25 per cent reduction is made from those prices. Thus you can readily see the wonderful savings that benefit you if you attend this sale.

—Big shipments of new merchandise that have come in recently will be included in this Anniversary Celebration at 25 per cent reduction from the already low prices, and this includes every ready-to-wear article in the store.

25 PER CENT REDUCTION 25 Suits and Coats 25	25 PER CENT REDUCTION 25 Dresses and Blouses 25	25 PER CENT REDUCTION 25 Skirts and Middies 25
Every Tricotine Suit Every Sport Suit Every Cloth Suit Every Tailored Suit Every Silk Suit Every Summer Suit	Every Sport Coat Every Cloth Coat Every Polo Coat Every Evening Coat Every Smart Cape Every Silk Coat	Every Silk Dress Every Tricolette Dress Every Evening Gown Every Wash Dress Every Sports Dress Every Summer Dress
Every New Silk Skirt Every New Satin Skirt Every New Sport Skirt Every Sport Wool Skirt Every Sport Plaid Skirt	Every Silk Blouse Every Tricolette Blouse Every Georgette Blouse Every Sport Blouse Every Wash Blouse Every Costume Blouse	Every White Middy Every Khaki Middy Every Silk Middy Every Fancy Middy Every New Smock Every Embroidered Smock
25 PER CENT REDUCTION 25 Furs, Scarfs, Capes 25	25 PER CENT REDUCTION 25 Sweaters and Kimonos 25	25 PER CENT REDUCTION 25 Breeches, Suits, Skirts, Etc 25
Every Hudson Fur Piece Every Smart Fur Scarf Every Woman's Fur Set Every Children's Set Every Fur Collar	Every New Fur Choker Every Long Fur Stole Every Hudson Coatee Every Mole Fur Scarf Every Mink Fur Piece Every Fox Fur Piece	Every Khaki Habit Suit Every Khaki Hiking Suit Every Khaki Riding Suit Every Khaki Sport Dress Every Khaki Riding Garm Every Khaki Breeches Suit Check Breeches Suit Heather Breeches Suit Tweed Breeches Suit Cheviot Breeches Suit Cravenette Breeches Suit ERY Wool Breeches Suit
25 Per Cent Off Knit Underwear Silk Underwear Undermuslins Camisoles Rugs Draperies Trunks Bags, Cases	25 Per Cent Off Corsets Infants' Goods Hosiery Gloves Shoes Oxfords Children's Shoes Pumps	25 Per Cent Off Embroideries Laces Hand Bags Trimmings Toys Blankets, Robes Sporting Goods Comforts
25 Per Cent Off Silks Woolens Linings Georgettes Wash Goods Linens Staples Domestics	25 Per Cent Off Men's Goods Art Goods Threads Notions Millinery Ribbons Children's Hats Jewelry	

25 Per Cent Reduction on Everything 25

Look for the Special Groups of These Items

Women's Smart Suits Silk and Cotton Dresses Women's Light-Weight Coats Silk and Cotton Waists Cloth and Washable Skirts Misses' Silk and Cotton Dresses Misses' Wool Suits Misses' Wash Skirts Girls' Summer Dresses Trimmed and Sports Hats Negligees and Kimonos Women's House Dresses Women's Bathing Suits Philippine Underwear Women's Muslin Underwear Corsets and Brassieres	25 Per Cent Reduction on Every Article in the Store	Silk and Cotton Petticoats Babies' Dresses and Rompers Children's Muslin Underwear Thousands of Yards of Silk Colored Cotton Dress Goods Dainty White Dress Goods Woolen Dress Goods Dress Linings and Trimmings Embroideries and Laces Neckwear and Ribbons Thousands of Handkerchiefs Fans and Belts Leather and Fabric Gloves Sports Sweaters and Coats Notions in Great Variety Silk and Leather Hand Bags Household Linens	25 Per Cent Reduction on Every Article in the Store	Towels and Toweling Housekeeping Cottons Stationery Boys' Waists and Shirts Hosiery and Underwear Summer Shoes and Oxfords Sheets and Pillow Cases Sheetings, Muslins, Flannels Blankets and Comfortables Bed Spreads Linoleums Curtains and Cretones Art Needlework Supplies Men's Shirts and Neckwear Belts and Suspenders Toilet Preparations Rugs in Wonderful Variety
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25 Per Cent Reduction on Everything in This Whole Store. Nothing Is Reserved. Nothing Put Away

—Everyone may co-operate in relieving congestion by carrying parcels that are not too large or too heavy, and by paying cash at the time of making their purchases.



—The reductions will be so extreme that we will not be able to accommodate any charges whatever during the week. It is a cash sale.