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Routine Business Of City Council

The city council met in regular session last Tuesday evening at 7:15 with the largest attendance of spectators present which has turned out to any meeting this year.

Following the reading of the minutes, Mr. Ware moved that the regular order of proceedings be suspended and a memorial to the memory of the late A. J. Biegel be read. The tribute to the deceased councilman was approved and the recorder instructed to place a copy of the resolution upon the records and send a copy to the family of Mr. Biegel. A standing vote was taken as an added mark of respect.

The reports of the light plant, electrical, water and street superintendents for the month of November were read and approved.

The usual monthly bills were read and ordered paid.

The bill of Earnest Hicks for \$50 for damage done his house and property on B street by overflow water from the streets was reported upon by the street committee. The street committee stated that the water which did the damage came from the ditches of the Smith-Emery people and that in their opinion this company could be held responsible, and suggested that the matter be referred to the springs commission, who had contracts with Smith, Emery & Co. The report was approved.

A requisition from the electric light department for material, the cost of which aggregates approximately \$345, was passed.

A petition regarding an appropriation for the band was favorably received, as is reported elsewhere.

The paving, fireman's pay and several other matters were taken care of, as discussed elsewhere.

Forty-three hundred and seventy-five dollars was ordered taken from the interest and bonds fund to meet the interest coming due on auxiliary bonds.

The ordinance relating to electric wiring was taken from the table for the second reading. This ordinance was discussed in a former issue of the Tidings. After a reading by title only it was passed.

Mr. Ware reported that in the opinion of the city attorney a special election would be necessary to place the lands along the creek above Lithia park in the hands of the park board. He stated that the matter had not been fully investigated from every angle, and no action was taken.

After several minutes of heated discussion of an unimportant detail of transferring a small amount from the general to the water fund, the council adjourned.

Will Organize County Tax League

J. A. Westerlund of Medford, who was elected at a recent gathering of taxpayers of the county in that city, to appoint a committee of fifteen citizens from the county to formulate a taxpayers' league for Jackson county, has named E. J. Kaiser and E. V. Carter as the Ashland members of the committee.

The first meeting of the committee will be held in Medford Saturday, December 11, at 3 p. m., for the purpose of organization.

Body of Suicide Shipped to S. F.

The remains of William Greenfield, who committed suicide after shooting Postmaster Kaiser a week ago Tuesday, were shipped Tuesday to San Francisco for interment. Isaac Greenfield, an uncle of the deceased, is a merchant of the bay city.

Greenfield is said to have had \$1,000 worth of stock in an orchard proposition and \$2,500 insurance. No move has yet been made as to the disposition of the property.

Postmaster Kaiser Is Back on the Job

Postmaster Kaiser is out on the streets again and on duty at the post-office and is receiving the congratulations of his many friends on account of his quick recovery. Mr. Kaiser was in the hospital just one week.

Club Prepares For Busy Year

The regular monthly meeting of the Ashland Commercial Club last Monday evening was well attended, there being about forty present, including all of the club's trustees and officers. V. O. N. Smith, newly elected president, officiated over the meeting. After the usual routine business was disposed of, the applications of four new members were favorably received. The applicants were C. E. Shinn, E. H. Ketchum, Charles Willis and Delmar Harmon.

Twelve resignations were read and accepted.

The club is getting the dead timber weeded out and hopes to have an active membership of 300 paying, working members before long.

W. D. Hodgson, for the committee appointed to meet and entertain Hon. Richmond P. Hobson and Edwin I. Stearns on November 21, reported that he had taken his car and met the gentlemen at Medford, had taken them around Ashland where they wished to go and had landed them at the depot for their train in the evening. The committee were discharged.

Frank Jordan, for the committee appointed to see to the clearing of a piece of land obstructing the view at the Homes crossing east of town, reported that Mr. Grey had been instructed to clear the land and had done so very satisfactorily, and that bill for the same would be presented to the secretary, amounting to \$5. As the committee had performed the work they were appointed to accomplish, they were discharged.

M. C. Reed for the hotel committee reported that they had nothing further to say regarding the hotel proposition further than that which had previously been reported. He stated that the committee, acting on the instructions of the mass meeting held some time ago, had started a subscription list for stock in the hotel company, but were not meeting with very much success. He also stated that they were working on other propositions and would prefer to wait until something further developed to make further report.

W. H. McNair reported for the committee which had negotiations for the Oregon building in hand, the gist of the report being that no funds were available for the purpose and the Chautauqua people did not look with favor upon contributing and using the building for auditorium purposes. The committee was discharged.

A communication from the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce asking that the Ashland Commercial Club pass resolutions regarding proposed changes in the marine laws, was referred to the trustees, the involved and intricate details being considered too lengthy for thorough discussion in the meeting.

Communications from George E. Hardy of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, relative to the irrigation congress to be held in Portland December 27, 28 and 29, and a meeting on the following day for the reorganization of the Oregon Development League, were read. M. J. Durycia talked on the importance of these two meetings and the importance of the club being represented there. He moved that the club arrange to send the secretary of the club to represent them at these two meetings. Motion duly seconded. After some discussion the motion was amended leaving the matter with the trustees, with the recommendation that they send a representative if finances could be arranged for. Motion carried as amended.

Considerable profitable discussion of the trade at home idea was indulged in and several of the club members spoke briefly on the matter. It was finally decided to pledge the co-operation of the Commercial Club in their problem of working out ways and means for creating more loyalty for home trade and to discover the underlying causes for the trade which goes out of town.

Talks by Mr. Vining and Mr. Durycia, in which plain facts and language were used to show the pessimistic note which Ashlanders invariably allow to creep into their talks with outsiders, were much appreciated and led to the appointing of a committee to draft a pledge of optimism to act as a reminder to the people of Ashland to dwell on the unobtainable climate, waters and advantages for home builders when talking to outsiders and to forget the personal troubles which everyone occasionally al-

SPRINGS COMMISSION AND THE COUNCIL.

Tuesday night the council refused to pass the resolution putting the matter of jurisdiction in Lithia park on the ballot at the coming election. The vote stood, against allowing it to go on the ballot: Cunningham, Ashcraft and Werth. In favor of submitting the issue to the people: Cornelius and Ware. The matter standing three to two, the mayor was not required to register his vote on either side. Mayor Johnson and Councilmen Cornelius and Ware have always stood by the springs project, and while many times differing with the springs commission on details and sometimes on principals, they have been guided by judgment rather than prejudice and a real interest in the future of Ashland.

On the other hand, Councilmen Cunningham, Werth and Ashcraft have been constitutionally opposed to the whole thing ever since the first election when the people created a springs water commission instead of leaving the matter in the hands of the council—for some reason these gentlemen seemed to think the council better qualified to handle the project than any commission that might be selected—and have been guided, we think, more by resentment than a spirit of interest in the future of Ashland. All along the way these three gentlemen have availed themselves of every opportunity for either hindrance or criticism, and the work of the commission has been greatly handicapped by their opposition and their expressed lack of faith in the ability of the commission to successfully handle the project, as well as covert charges of corruption against the members. From the day the bonds were voted to the present hour they have stood in the way, at great annoyance to the commission and expense to the city. Therefore it was not surprising to find them voting solidly against submitting a measure to the people which the springs commission feels is very important to the successful progress of the work.

Without criticism of their official acts, if based on judgment and interest in the future of the city, such opposition is exceedingly discouraging to the commission. The members of the commission feel that the responsibility for success or failure of the springs enterprise is wholly on them and not on the council, and that the council should, when no greater favor is asked than that a matter it feels is of vital concern to the project be submitted for a vote, that community interest should be strong enough

in council members to overcome their dislike for any individual or prejudice against the enterprise to justify, at least, the submission of a matter vitally affecting the success of the enterprise to an election that the people might have an opportunity to vote the proposition up or vote it down.

The Tidings believes that to refuse to allow the people to pass upon a proposition, under the law beyond the council to pass upon it, is an assumption that no representative of the people who has faith in the good judgment of the aggregate citizenship should indulge. To say that the power that created me has not the good judgment to determine rightly a matter that is beyond my power is a position that none but an absolute monarch, let alone a person who exercises but delegated power vouchsafed by the vote of the same people that his act now implies he mistrusts, is at best a grave assumption, if not a direct insult to the integrity and good judgment of the people.

It is devoutly to be hoped and is by the springs commission devoutly hoped that the work be not hindered by the council during the next year as it has been during the past one. Inasmuch as these three gentlemen have stood solidly together in opposition to every plan of the springs commission (save the purchase of land, which they favored only on the ground that whatever springs commission money got into land the members of the springs commission would not be able "to get away with"), and have proven the absolute dictators of the acts of the council during the past year, the springs commission entertains the liveliest hope that they will not be returned to the council for another term.

The springs commission does not see how the enterprise can be made to succeed over such opposition, and its present members have no desire to attempt it for another year. If the people have lost faith in the ability and intentions of the present members of the springs commission, Councilmen Cunningham, Ashcraft and Werth seem to think, every member of the commission stands ready to resign the instant they become convinced that they have not the solid backing of the people. The enterprise cannot be made to succeed without the support of the people, and the ambitions of no man should be allowed to stand in the way of such tremendous community possibility.

"Man From Oregon" At Vining Tonight

A stirring story of national politics with the plot revolving around the famous, or infamous, Oregon land grab, is the basis for the great motion picture, "The Man From Oregon," which is the attraction at the Vining Theatre tonight. The picture shows many scenes of life in the national capital and shows the United States senate in session. The story is that of the final triumph of the man from Oregon over the machinations of politicians who use every means, including the wives of a beautiful woman, to accomplish their means.

Civic Club Christmas bazaar, Wednesday, December 15, corner Granite and Main streets, in building formerly occupied by L. J. Orres. Nothing over 50 cents. 57-2t

"Ben Sholders: Write Oliver your address at once. Important. 249 Front street, San Francisco." 56-2t

allows himself to let creep into conversation with strangers.

Standing committees for the ensuing six months were appointed as follows: City interests and public policy, F. J. Shinn, F. E. Watson, George A. Briscoe; streets, parks, highways and public improvements, W. B. Penniston, Clifford Jenkins, D. A. Applegate; immigration, location, information and transportation, M. C. Edgington, H. S. Palmerlee, J. W. Dobbins; horticulture, agriculture and forestry, H. P. Holmes, E. T. Merrill, R. D. Sanford; mines, mining and minerals, F. W. Moore, C. B. Watson, F. G. McWilliams; industry and manufactures, O. F. Carson, C. D. Cain, John H. Dill; house, H. G. Eastman, H. G. Enders, Jr., H. C. Emery; membership, Louis Dodge, J. H. McGee, C. B. Lamkin, E. R. Grieve, F. H. Walker.

Billings Hill Matter Again

The city council Tuesday evening decided to suspend further payments on paving assessments on the piece of property owned by Mr. Billings which will become the property of the city when the Billings hill road and under-grade crossing are put in, until some definite action has been taken. The crossing matter is now held up by a controversy between the state engineers and the railroad people over the under-grade crossing. The state officials are using every effort to hasten a settlement of the matter so that construction may begin on the road and paving.

Nininger and Lamb Nominees from Third

At a meeting of voters of the third ward held Wednesday evening at the city hall and attended by a representative gathering from that ward, Amos Nininger was nominated unanimously for the two-year term and A. L. Lamb was unanimously nominated for the one-year term. Petitions were formed and signed at the meeting and will be filed in due time. Both of these gentlemen seemed to have the confidence of every man present.

Messrs. Doran and Carpenter are the only other nominees yet filed from the third ward.

We are showing the latest items in Parisian ivory, also new lot of Sterling and platinum photo frames. Johnson's Jewelry Store. 56-2t

A new Graflex portrait camera has been added to the equipment of Studio Ashland. This highly efficient and expensive instrument will be used exclusively in this up-to-date studio from now on. 1t

University Y.M.C.A. Team Will Be Here

J. D. Foster, general secretary of the University of Oregon Y. M. C. A., was in town Monday and Tuesday arranging for a visit of the team of university boys and girls who are making a trip through southern Oregon under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. extension department. The team is composed of five men and two girls, the pick of the university Y. M. C. A. The team will be here December 20, 21, 23.

On Tuesday evening, the 23rd, the visitors will play a game of basketball with the militia team at the armory, followed by a reception and social good time to which all the young people in the city are invited. The University of Oregon has dropped basketball from the list of intercollegiate sports this year, and as a result some of the best players in college are with the Y. M. C. A. team. The militia boys have been working hard all fall and have developed a very creditable team which they are confident will give the visitors a close rub.

Wednesday morning members of the visiting Y. M. C. A. team will address the assembly at the high school at 8:45 o'clock. On Wednesday evening there will be a West Side young people's rally, all of the West Side churches joining in. On Thursday there will be a like rally of the East Side young people. Thursday evening the visitors will play basketball with a high school team in the high school gymnasium.

The various churches and young people's organizations in the city are preparing to give the visiting Y. M. C. A. delegates a royal good time while they are in the city.

Theda Bara in Play at Lyric

Theda Bara, the famous Parisian emotional actress from the Theatre Antoine, Paris, the Boulevard's playhouse of thrills, who created a veritable earthquake of comment throughout the country for her marvelously telling performance of "The Vampire," in "A Fool There Was," repeats her gripping characterization of that role in her rendition of Celia in the William Fox picturization of Tolstoy's "The Kreutzer Sonata."

Celia Friendlander, the beautiful and ruthlessly passionate girl who, without scruple, breaks the heart of the faithful Miriam, so that she may possess herself of Miriam's husband Gregor, the brilliant violinist, is one of the strongest screen parts ever written and in many ways the most startling and remarkable. Miss Bara's powers, developed in the companies of Bernhardt, Jane Hading and other famous French actresses as well as during her seasons as leading woman of the world-renowned Antoine and Gymnase Theatres, Paris, were never displayed, even in the memorable "A Fool There Was," to more transcendent advantage than in Tolstoy's great work as it is seen upon the screen. With cruel, serpent-like cunning, Celia weaves her coils about the infatuated Gregor. She casts her unbreakable spell of beauty and fascination over him till Gregor forgets everything in order that he may be in her arms. From the farm in Russia, where, as a wealthy land-owner's adopted daughter, she first meets Gregor and charms him by playing "Kreutzer Sonata," to the last throbbing scene of the play where she and Gregor are trapped by Miriam and, in a scene so thrilling as to be almost painful in its intensity, meet their deaths, Miss Bara's superb art never falters nor steps aside.

It will be shown at the Lyric Thursday and Friday in connection with an orchestral concert from 7 to 7:30.

Notice of Meeting.

An informal meeting of the stockholders of the Ashland Fruit & Produce Association is herewith called for Saturday, December 18, at the city council chamber, at 2 o'clock. The object of the meeting is to informally consider as to the future welfare of this organization, and perhaps select a committee to formulate some definite plan to submit to the annual meeting of stockholders. By order of DIRECTORS. 57-2t

Will Davis spent last week with Mr. O'Connor in Little Shasta valley.

Paving Matter Laid by for Time

At Tuesday evening's council meeting Councilman Ware reported regarding the paving equalization matter. He stated that the joint committee composed of Messrs. Ware, Werth and Cunningham of the council and Messrs. Lamkin, Banta and McAllister of the citizens' committee, had discussed the matter fully and had arrived at the conclusion that there was too little time to prepare a feasible plan in time for the coming election, especially in view of the fact that City Attorney Moore was out of the city for a week. The committee therefore recommended that the matter be abandoned for the time being and suggested that the council should re-open the subject only upon the filing of a petition signed by 35 per cent of the voters, thus assuring the council that the plan stood a chance of passing the people's vote. Mr. Ware reported that many legal obstacles were encountered in trying to work out a plan, and a workable plan would require much study to formulate.

In Medford the various forces have united and will instigate a friendly suit to decide the validity once for all of the Bancroft assessments. Ashland will now sit back and watch the outcome.

Band Gets \$25 Monthly from City

E. R. Lawrence of the Lyric Theatre, one of the indefatigable workers for a band in Ashland, circulated a petition Tuesday afternoon asking the council to continue an appropriation of \$25 per month which was appropriated for two months last summer. Carl Loveland, a most capable leader, musician and teacher of band instruments, is here from Dunsmuir, where he has been employed as leader of an orchestra, and the band men of the city hope to get the finances for a band so arranged that Mr. Loveland can start in at once to develop the beginners and young musicians in the city to join with the older musicians in forming a band which by next summer will be ready to dispense real music on every occasion.

Mr. Lawrence was out about two hours with the petition and was met with enthusiastic approval, practically all of the business men of the downtown district putting down their names without hesitation. The petition was presented to the council and the appropriation made.

Firemen To Have Six-Day Week

As a result of repeated petitions from the firemen for more pay, the fire committee made investigation and found that the dissatisfaction came not from the pay, which to them seemed ample considering the amount of work which the firemen were called upon to do, but rather from the irksomeness of the hours. The firemen are obliged to be on duty 24 hours every day in the week, with meal time off only.

On recommendation of the committee the council decided to allow the firemen one full 24-hour day off duty in every week, and will select a substitute to fill in during the day off.

New Arrivals.

The shipment of eastern photographic mountings for Studio Ashland, delayed by the slide in the Panama canal, arrived this morning and are creating much favorable comment.

These mountings are the sensation of the year, something new and entirely different, being made of the newly patented Velumet stock in new and handsome color combinations.

Studio Ashland has the only stock of these new mountings in this locality and should do a rushing holiday business. 1t

A. C. Allen and Holbrook Withington of Medford, who directed and photographed the Rogue River valley moving pictures which were shown at the exposition, are organizing a motion picture company to produce in this valley. The accessibility of varied locations and the weather conditions here would seem to be almost ideal for such a venture.

One gift that pleases all—Studio Ashland photographs. 1t