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COUNCIL HOLDS LIVELY MEETING

Mayor Parks and Councilman
Hilts Clash Over De-
partment Affairs

ARE TOO MANY MINDS

Hilts' Reports North Aberdeen
Bridges Defective. Rout-
ine Business.

Charging the Councilman R. J. Hilts of Fourth ward had ask both himself and Chief of Police Templeman permission to run certain reports which the prosecuting attorney of Chehalis county had ordered closed, and upon his refusal, Hilts had begun a persecution against the police, street and engineering departments. Mayor J. W. Parks last night administered to the councilman a severe reprimand.

The meeting resembled a pyrotechnic display the fire works starting early in the evening. Hilts, ready for a battle, threw down the gauntlet to mayor, when the matter of his minority report was turned down by the council on the acceptance of the North Aberdeen bridge. Hilts' report stated that the bridge was not according to specifications.

Councilman Elder then moved that the bridge be accepted and that the press take no notice of Hilts' report.

"If you think you can keep that out of the press, I, R. J. Hilts, will see it gets into print—if the engineer has his fingers in wrong I am going to find it out. If the matter is correct, then there will be no harm in giving it publicity," said Hilts.

Peace reigned supreme for a few moments, until the cost of the North Aberdeen bridge approaches was read.

"How much did they cost, Pete?" bellowed Hilts.

"Nine Hundred Eighteen dollars," answered Clark.

"Why that must be wrong, the Heron street approaches only cost half that amount," said Hilts.

"I suppose you made the estimates like you gave us on South Aberdeen fire station," said Mayor Parks.

"Ha, ha," said Hilts, his hair raising up straight. "Getting personal are you?—Well I am just as capable of estimating the cost of buildings as you are running your fish business. I made an estimate of \$450.00 for the building and bins, stalls, quarters for the men brought the cost up to \$900.

"Now, Mr. Hilts, since you have chosen to get personal, I am going to tell you a few things," said Parks.

"No you wont," roared Hilts, rising to his feet.

"Wont? Well why wont? Asked the mayor.

"Because I won't stand it," said Hilts and a clash looked likely, but Mayor Parks continued:

"Ever since you came to me to get permission to run questionable reports in which you were interested and which had been ordered closed by the police, you have made trouble for the police department. You also asked the chief of police to be allowed to open these resorts and he refused you. You have also attempted to run the street department and when you found that you could not hire and fire certain men, you began to make trouble for this department and now you chose to find fault with the engineering department. Now, I am getting tired of this abuse of departments and a halt must be called. I cannot have order and efficiency in my departments if some councilman is going to cause trouble continually."

"I never spoke to Ewart or Templeman," said Hilts.

"You started a report a short time ago that Mr. Ewart was going to resign," said Parks.

"Well, I heard it on the street," was Hilts' closing remark, and the battle was over until later in the evening.

When the bills were allowed, a bill of \$200 to the Thiel Detective Agency was read and Hilts wanted to know what it was for.

Mayor Parks informed him that it was for the services of detectives to

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HOQUIAM AS OBJECT LESSON

From the Pocketbook Stand-
point Commission Ef-
fects Saving.

SAVING THEIR SALARIES

Since Adoption of Sensible
Business Methods in City
Government.

The following, from the Hoquiam Washingtonian, is the very best argument in favor of the adoption of the commission form of government under the Allen law in Aberdeen:

Expenses of the city during September and October, 1911, are \$6,943.75 less than during the same period of time in 1910. This is partly due to extra expenses incurred during the period last year, and to the fact that there is less street repairing at present than formerly. A large part of the reduction is due to the new administration of city affairs, the close supervision of all departments and the elimination so far as is possible, of waste.

City expenses in September, 1910, were \$10,992.72, and in October, \$7,281.22. The difference was due to the fact that the city hall, which had been but recently damaged by fire, had to be repaired, the expense being \$2,825.17.

The expense in September, 1911, were \$5,840.11 and in October, \$5,840.08. Eliminating the repairs on the city hall in September last year, the saving is \$4,118.58.

The expenses of repairing the streets is getting lighter each year as more permanent pavement is laid. In the business district this is a big item, and amounts to a considerable sum in the residence districts just now because of the number of plank streets which are getting old and need constant attention.

Eliminating the difference in street repairs and there will still be a considerable saving in the administration of city affairs. In buying materials, hiring labor and other channels, a closer watch can be kept on the expense fund, and in this way, expenses lowered. Leaving out the difference in street work this year and last, the commission is saving from \$800 to \$1,000 per month.

ABERDEEN WILL PLAY IN SEATTLE SATURDAY

Local High School Eleven Is to Meet
Queen Anne Team on Gridiron
This Week.

Aberdeen's high school football eleven will journey to Seattle Saturday morning, where they will meet the strong eleven from the Queen Anne school, and the outcome of the contest will be watched with interest by every harbor fan. All of the big teams of the state have given Aberdeen a wide berth this year, presumably owing to its championship development of last season. This is the first game of any consequence that Aberdeen has been given this season and if a victory is forthcoming, then the local eleven may get more recognition this season yet. The local eleven has been practising hard for the game and Coach Bell says his men are in fine mettle for the game.

Speaking of the Seattle team, the P. I. says:

"The Queen Anne team will present a better lineup Saturday than they did against Lincoln last Friday. Seven men who have been ineligible so far this season will be able to play Saturday. The seven are: MacKnight and Dalton, old Broadway stars, who will fight it out for end and half; Anderson, a husky who has been working in Alaska, will use his strength on the line; Johnson, a 185-pounder, who is set on the lines of Capt. Bruce, of Lincoln, will fill another line position, and Sweet Mortenson and Sandevigan, all of first team calibre will give present first team men a run for their money.

The game will be played at the varsity campus, as there is no college game scheduled.

The Herald tells it all.

PITY THE UNFORTUNATE BLIND.



—Taylor in Los Angeles Times.

FARMERS TO HAVE EXCHANGE

Chamber of Commerce Suc-
cessful in Organizing County
Produce Exchange

Through the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce, a meeting was held in Aberdeen Tuesday afternoon at which the Chehalis County Produce Exchange was organized, representatives from Oakville, Elma, Montesano and Aberdeen being in attendance.

Mr. J. E. Calder was made president pro tem, and Dudley G. Allen, secretary pro tem. Others present were included in the organization. They were:

N. S. Richards, B. E. Williams, from Oakville; A. C. McNeill, W. H. France, O. M. Nelson and J. E. Calder, of Montesano; E. L. Minard, C. H. Palmer and E. L. France, of Elma, and Frank Davidson, I. P. Callison, S. K. Bowses, Chas. Holmer, Ellis Marten and Dudley G. Allen, of Aberdeen.

The purpose of the organization is to organize local branches of the main body, in the different localities in the county. Each locality to have a representative to act as a jobber or handler of the produce raised in his section, and to establish a standard that would govern the producer and the buyer alike. Also to advise the producer what produce there is a market for in the county, and what amount of such products can be handled by the local wholesalers.

The wholesalers have agreed that if this plan is carried out, that they will buy all of the stuffs that can be sold here, and if any shipments come that are not up to the standard, the reason for rejection of such shipments will be told to the producer through his local representative.

Each delegation from the three communities that attended this meeting was made a committee, with power to act, and they were instructed to secure the organization of their locality at once.

When these localities are organized a meeting will be called by the president, and a permanent organization formed.

President Calder will appoint committees in the different section that were not represented at this meeting.

An organization of this kind has been in the minds of several of the wholesalers for some time, and with the perfection of this organization, it is expected that the farmers will not only raise a better class of food stuff, but will raise only the kind that there is a ready market for, and the wholesalers in their turn will buy home grown products in preference to others.

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ELECTION TO BE DECEMBER 12

Port Bill to Come Before Voters to Decide by the
Ballot

Voters of Chehalis county have an opportunity to adopt or reject the plan to establish the Port of Grays Harbor, a district to include the entire county, a special election being called by the county commissioners Tuesday, December 12, for that purpose.

The adoption of the bill will mean much to every city and town in Chehalis county, and the measure has the endorsement of every commercial organization in the county.

At the meeting of the commissioners in Montesano last Monday, delegations from all the cities and town appeared before the board and urged the calling of the special election to allow the people to vote on the matter.

The matter will be given the widest publicity, and it is hoped that there will be no opposition to the plan.

"It behooves every citizen of Chehalis county to consider this port bill seriously and study it from every angle, as its adoption will mean a great deal to Chehalis county," said a prominent citizen of this city. "The bill is one drawn for places like Grays Harbor, and allows a certain tax to be used for harbor improvement. The timber barons of Chehalis county are doing nothing towards bettering this harbor and when our timber is gone the best crop we possess, and the natural wealth of the section, will have vanished. Before this transformation takes place, it is just and right that we get the timber interests to assist us in paying for certain improvements which should be made in the inner harbor."

From the little lumbering city of McCleary on the east, to the Humpulps and Quinalt towns and Mo-clips, comes words that all will work for the bill and when the election is called, it will carry by a large majority.

The first meeting on the port district election will be held in Montesano Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The merits of the bill will be discussed and a large number of people are expected out to hear the arguments.

The matter of selecting the three candidates to have charge of the port district will also be discussed. The bill provides that the county shall be divided into three districts, a commissioner elected from each district.

K. P. TURKEY TROT.

Wishkah lodge, Knights of Pythias, are arranging to give somkers and turkey trots on Saturday and Monday evening, November 25 and 27, in their hall, on First street.

PROBLEM OF FARM PRODUCE

Is Main Topic at Chamber of
Commerce Luncheon
Tuesday

UNITY INTERESTS URGED

Grays Harbor Cities Vitally
Interested in Development
of Farming Section

The establishment of a public market whereby residents of Aberdeen can purchase produce first hand, thus cutting out the commission man's profit, and to what extent shall Aberdeen use the farm products of Chehalis county, were the two important topics at the regular weekly luncheon of the Aberdeen chamber of commerce at the hotel Washington last Tuesday.

It was "up-country" and farmers day and there was a good attendance. The main topic was the handling and selling of home-grown produce. Guests of the chamber produced arguments in favor of purchasing everything possible that could be raised in Chehalis county. N. S. Richards of Oakville, in an address urged the harbor cities to help build up the section in the eastern portion of the county by purchasing its produce. He said that the effects would be mutual, instead of farmers being compelled to go to Olympia to find a market for their produce.

E. L. Minard of Elma, stated that it had been proven that Chehalis county could raise as good produce as California and the people of Grays Harbor should patronize home industry. He said the farming area of Chehalis county was extending and that large and good crops could be raised.

W. J. Patterson told the farmers to first help themselves—to put their produce in merchantable shape and the harbor merchants would give it preference. The farmers must tell what they have and get it in shape, then business will come.

Frank Davidson, Charles Holmer and I. P. Callison stated that the merchants of Aberdeen would take all the produce that was offered them, as soon as farmers knew and would place it in attractive form, as to invite the public trade.

The report of A. C. Galliac, representative to Seattle, at a conference of the commercial organizations, was listened to attentively. Mr. Galliac presented a resolution for endorsement favoring free toll for American ships through the Panama canal, the establishing of a government drydock on Puget Sound. A request to have the navy department use the Pacific Coast coal during times of peace in its warships by the ships of its navy, and stricter immigration, rules which were adopted.

The southwestern Washington Development association entertainment committee reported \$949 collected and \$915.44 spent, leaving a balance of \$33.56, which was turned over to the Chamber of Commerce.

THE JOINT DISCUSSION

The Allen Commission Plan to Be
Discussed Next Tuesday Even-
ing in the City Hall

Much interest is being manifest in the joint discussion of the Allen commission law next Tuesday evening, between Judge F. W. Loomis and J. J. Carney, so much, in fact, that it is feared the city council chamber will be too small for the audience. An effort was made to secure the Grand theater for the meeting, but the house is engaged that night by the play of the Loyal Order of Moose.

Arrangements were made by the debaters yesterday as to the division of time, etc. It was decided to place the question in the negative, and to occupy one and one-half hours, Mr. Loomis opening with 30 minutes, and closing in 15 minutes, while Mr. Carney will occupy the 45 minutes between.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Boyle returned from Portland yesterday, where they had been called by the illness of Mr. Boyle's mother.

FURNITURE CONTRACT LET

Steel and Wooden Furniture
for Court House Are
Ordered

FIGURES ARE NOT GIVEN

Summary of Commissioners
Doings at Meeting
This Week.

MONTESANO, Nov. 8.—At the meeting of the board of county commissioners which adjourned last evening, the contract was awarded to the Art Metal Construction Co., of Jamestown N. Y., for the steel furniture, and to the Washington Parlor Furniture Co., of Tacoma for the wood furniture. It is observed that the figures of the various bids received or the sums for which the contracts were awarded are not given out for publication.

The Big Creek Timber company was allowed to cross the county road, between London and Humpulps, on filing a bond for \$200.

Two bids were received for the old court house building, \$450 and \$395, and both were rejected, and it is predicted here the structure will yet cost money to get rid of.

The \$200,000 bond issue, to redeem warrants issued in the building of the court house, was sold to the Dexter Horton National bank of Seattle, at par and accrued interest, and a bonus of \$2,000. The bonds draw 5 per cent interest.

The contract for supplying the court house with a car load of coal was let to H. J. Adams, at \$4.75 a ton.

C. V. Minkler was appointed tender of the Chehalis river bridge, at \$45 a month.

Frederick & Nelson were notified that their bill for linoleum would not be allowed until the terms of the contract were complied with.

The auditor was directed to readvertise for bids for the sale of the old court house, and for the sale of the steel cells in the old jail.

The Purcell Safe company was given three days to comply with the terms of its contract.

The treasurer was directed to transfer funds from Road District 4 to District 2, to offset the proportion of the indebtedness of the former, and \$359.50 was transferred from District 2 to District 1.

The new road at Westport was ordered opened and the old one closed. One hundred and fifty dollars was appropriated from the funds of Road District 3, for work on the Queets trail.

Monday, December 5, was fixed to hear the report of the engineer on the J. E. Calder and J. M. Couch roads.

The engineer was directed to survey the roads petitioned for by T. J. Watkins, et al, and through a portion of the SW 1/2 of the SW 1/2 of sec. 2, the SE 1/2 of the SE 1/2 of sec. 3 and lot 2, sec. 10-17-9.

The treasurer was directed as follows: To accept \$95.70 in full of personal property tax of the Lion Liquor Co. for 1909; to cancel C. D.'s No. 4056 and 4057; to refund D. M. Gouchour \$2.97, and to E. P. French \$1.40 for over tax payments; to strike taxes from several tracts that were government or state lands, in Quinalt, Laidlaw and sec. 26-20-12.

A resolution was adopted calling a special election on December 12, for the purpose of submitting the proposition of establishing a port district, to be known as the "Port of Grays Harbor."

HOW THE DOKIES GROW.

Dan Bowses and Geo. Dean will leave tomorrow on a tour in the interest of the Dramatic Order of the Knights of Korassan, a rank of the Knights of Pythias. At Centralia they will be met by Grand Chancellor Elwell, and Grand Instructor Savage. The local Temple is preparing to visit Vancouver, Wash., on November 25, when a class of over 100 will be initiated.

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