

Property Owners Consider Plans

FIGURE COST OF STREET IMPROVEMENT

Profiles Showing Cuts and Fills Also Estimates of Costs Will be Ready for Next Meeting

Another meeting of the property owners in the proposed new improvement district which takes in Main street from Eleventh to Twentieth streets, two blocks on Twentieth street and Idaho avenue to the city limits, was held Wednesday evening. The meeting was held at the residence of Chas. Leavitt and was well attended.

At a previous meeting, attended by Engineers Jaqueth and Russell, they had offered to prepare plans for the improvements and an estimate of their cost and Engineer Russell was present at the meeting Wednesday with tentative plans and estimates.

Mr. Russell stated that taking the grade established about three years ago, there would be approximately 7000 yards of cut and 13,000 yards of fill. This would necessitate the getting of nearly one-half of the dirt from outside the district, which would increase the cost of grading and he estimated the cost at fifty cents per yard, which would make a total of \$6,500.00 for grading. This he raised to \$7000.00 as a minimum cost for the grading.

These figures were based on the plan of having a 36 foot roadway with the remainder of the street sloped up or down, as the case might be, to the property line, and provided for surface drainage. At the previous meeting it had been suggested that a 20-foot macadam road way be provided in the center of the street. Mr. Russell estimated the cost of putting in a nine-inch bituloid pavement 20 feet wide for the entire street at \$13000.00. This would bring the entire cost of the improvement up to \$20,000.00 and would make the average cost per fifty foot lot about \$147.00.

Several of the property owners stated that there were lots in the district that would not sell for more than enough to pay for the cost of the improvements, especially those on the corners of Main and Seventeenth and Center and Twentieth, which are already burdened with the improvements in district number four.

There was considerable discussion in regard to the fill in different parts of the street and the difficulty in getting dirt and suggestions were made that some of the fills were greater than necessary. This was the opinion of Engineer Russell and Mr. Baldwin of the committee, who had been over the proposed improvement with the engineer.

Mr. Russell stated that from going over the ground without making any survey he believed that a grade could be obtained so that the cuts and fills would be about equal. This would not only lessen the amount of dirt to be handled but as the hauls would be much shorter it would cut down the expense per yard for moving and that by doing this the cost of grading could be cut down one-half or to \$3500, instead of \$7000 as given in his first figures. He also stated that instead of a 9-inch macadam, 6-inch could be used, as on other streets in the city. This would cut down the cost of macadam one-third, or not to exceed \$10,000.00, making the entire cost of the improvement \$13,500, or not to exceed \$14,000.00.

This would bring the average cost per lot down to about \$100, which could be further lowered by making the macadam 16 feet wide instead of 20 and using an oil dressing instead of bituloid. By making these last mentioned

changes the average cost per lot could be brought down to between \$80 and \$90, and perhaps less.

The general opinion of those present was that the cost of the improvement would have to be ascertained and the petition would have to state that the costs of the improvement would not exceed a certain sum to be named in it, and the property owners would have to be assured that the contract would be so let that the cost could not exceed that sum, or they would not sign the petition.

It was decided to have Engineer Russell prepare a new grade in which the cuts and fills would be as near equal as possible and in which the cost of the improvements should be cut as low as possible. This grade will be submitted to the taxpayers at their next meeting, which it was decided to hold on Feb. 2.

During the discussion it developed that there was considerable opposition among the property owners on Twentieth street and also on Idaho avenue. None of those opposing were present at the meeting Wednesday and it was decided to hold the next meeting at the residence of Mr. Dan Nicholson on Idaho avenue, in order to make it handy for the opponents of the improvement to be present. It will be decided definitely at the next meeting whether the district is to take in all of the territory proposed or whether only Main street shall be improved. Engineer Russell agreed to be present at the next meeting and have a profile of the proposed improvements, showing the cuts and fills, also an estimate of the cost.

J. H. Neil, chairman of the property owners' association of the district, urged that every property owner in the district be present at the next meeting as it is necessary to decide at that time whether any improvements shall be made and if so what territory shall be included and what improvements shall be made as the time is already short in which to get the petition signed and acted upon by the council and the contract let.

Mrs. Bulman Entertains Club

Miss Josephine Bulman was hostess to the members of the A. O. C. I club at her home on Tuesday evening. The initiation of one new member, Miss Opal Jarmin, afforded much merriment. The remainder of the evening was devoted to fancy work, cards and music and at the close a delicious hot luncheon was served by Mrs. Bulman and Miss Loretta Ross.

The club members present were Misses Youngs, Clifford, Croonquist, Nesbitt, Fuller, Lyon, Gregory, Nicholson, Hofstetter, Jarmin, Bulman, Rawls, and Marion and Lillian Feating. Two guests, Mrs. McCraig of California and Mrs. Croonquist of Red Lodge, Mont., were also present.

J. F. Cox of Coeur d'Alene spent Wednesday and Thursday in the city looking after business matters. He left this morning for his logging camp near Santa.

Fred Herrick, president of the Milwaukee Lumber company, returned the first of the week from a business trip to Chicago.

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—Chapin in St. Louis Republic.

William Steele Files Demurrer IN ACTION FOR FALSE IMPRISONMENT

Finds Many Reasons Why Complaint is Bad---Asks For Itemized Statement of Damages

Chief of Police William Steele has engaged Attorney William D. Keeton to look after his interests in the suit which Albert R. Ferrell has brought against Steele and his bondsmen, the American Surety Company, for false imprisonment. Yesterday Mr. Keeton appeared in the case and filed a motion for a bill of particulars asking the plaintiff for an itemized statement of the amount of damages claimed.

At the same time he filed a motion to strike out certain sections and parts of sections in the plaintiff's complaint. The motion to strike is sweeping in its nature and if granted in full by the court but very little that is material of the plaintiff's complaint would be left.

He also filed a demurrer to the plaintiff's complaint and asked that it be dismissed for the reason that the facts stated and alleged in the complaint are not sufficient to constitute a cause of action, and further alleges that the complaint is bad because it does not allege or show that the defendant Steele, exceeded his authority or acted without jurisdiction and that it does specifically state that the acts alleged to have been done by him were done in his capacity as chief of police of the city and as a part of his official duties.

That the complaint does not allege or show that said arrest was unlawful or illegal or beyond the authority of the defendant. That the complaint as a whole does not show whether the plaintiff suffered three thousand dollars damages, as alleged, because of humiliation and shame because of being confined with one Jones, a man convicted of manslaughter, or whether the plaintiff suffered humiliation and shame to the amount of three thousand dollars damages because of being arrested and incarcerated as alleged in another paragraph of the complaint.

That the complaint does not al-

lege or state the business of the plaintiff or show wherein he was damaged in the sum of three thousand dollars or in any other sum. The demurrer also states that the complaint is ambiguous, unintelligible and uncertain and recites a large number of instances in which it is alleged that the complaint is bad in these particulars. The demurrer is very voluminous and covers five type-written sheets. Hardly a paragraph or sentence of the complaint remains free from attack.

The hearing on the motion for a bill of particulars and on the motion to strike the complaint will probably be held when Judge Dunn is here next week and it is possible that the demurrer will be argued at the same time.

O. C. Hopkins Has Successful Season

O. C. Hopkins, who is logging on the flats above Hells Gulch, was in the city Thursday on business. He states that the logging conditions are excellent where he is at work. There is plenty of snow but it is not deep enough to interfere with the cutting and handling of the logs and the amount of snow is just right to make excellent roads which is being taken advantage of.

So far the season has been very successful and if the present weather conditions continue it will be one of the best he has experienced. He is buying his timber from the ranchers and has contracted to sell the logs to the St. Maries Lumber company. He is hauling his logs to the head of the gulch and will sluice them down the gulch and through the ditch built by Louis Grinde to get out his logs, into the St. Joe river below Cosmos Landing. From there they will be towed up to the St. Maries Lumber company's mill in this city.

Thinks He Has Fred Clancy

TILLAMOOK SHERIFF HAS SUSPECT

Man Answers Description In Every Particular Sheriff Leaf Asks for Photographs

The efforts being made by the sheriff and the reward offered by the commissioners and relatives for the apprehension of Fred Clancy, who is thought to be guilty of the murder of Oscar Olson, who disappeared the latter part of November, seem to be meeting with success.

Tuesday evening the sheriff received a telegram from Sheriff Cranshaw of Tillamook, Oregon, stating that he had arrested and was holding a man who answered to the description of Clancy. Every point about the man to the minutest detail answered the description of Clancy and the Tillamook sheriff thinks he has the right man.

Sheriff Leaf answered the telegram requesting the sheriff there to have photographs taken of his man and to send them on here. He also stated that if necessary a man would be sent from here who could positively identify Clancy and could tell if the man being held is he.

Sheriff Leaf is now awaiting a reply to his telegram and photographs of the man being held and no one will be sent to see the party until these have been received. Further search has been made on the Olson premises near Fernwood but no trace of Olson's body has been found.

of the land assumed and agreed to pay the Gouge note of \$4500 and that Hatley has a second mortgage on the land, which is considered quite valuable, being located in the Santa Creek valley and only a short distance from the village of Emida.

The note and mortgage does not become due until October 11, 1916. The interest is payable annually and it is alleged that the interest due Oct. 11, 1915, has not been paid. Under the terms of the mortgage, the holder has the right, upon the default of any payment of interest, to have the entire note become due and has so elected and the suit is brought to recover the entire amount of the note with interest and attorney fees. P. W. Kimball of Spokane and A. H. Featherstone of Wallace are attorneys for the plaintiff.

Call Election For Road Overseers

The board of county commissioners is anxious that work on the county roads be started as early in the spring as possible and for that reason the road overseers will be named at as early a date as is possible.

The commissioners believe the residents of the several road districts are, or should be more interested in the roads in their particular district than any one else and should have a voice in saying how the special road tax raised for the particular district should be expended. They also believe that the residents of the district naturally have a better knowledge of the qualifications of the different persons who are or are likely to be candidates for overseer in their districts than the commissioners can possibly have and for these reasons they are going to put the appointing of the road overseers squarely up to the residents of the road districts.

In order to do this they have called an advisory election to be held in each road district in the county for the purpose of allowing the residents of the district the privilege of voting on the question and the man who gets a plurality of the votes in his district will be appointed road overseer of that district.

The election in all of the road districts will be held Monday, February 7th, and notices have been mailed and will be posted in the different districts giving the place where the election will be held. The officers of the elections will consist of three judges and one clerk and will be chosen by those present at the opening of the polls from among their number.

The polls of these elections will be open at 2:30 in the afternoon and will close at 5 o'clock and only actual residents of the district will be qualified to vote. The proceedings of the election, the result and a list of all voting must be transmitted to the board of county commissioners as soon as possible. The men so chosen will be appointed road overseers and will be held responsible for the roads in their respective districts.

J. T. Moran, chairman of the board of county commissioners, came over from Plummer Wednesday to attend a meeting of the board.

Benewah Club To Give Minstrel Show

The Benewah club is preparing to put on a minstrel show the latter part of February. The date of the performance has not been definitely decided upon as yet but it will be about February 25th. The committee in charge of the entertainment has about completed the arrangements and Billy Mack has been engaged as director. Mr. Mack has had considerable experience along this line and can be relied upon to get the best results out of the local talent.

The cast will be entirely local and most of the parts have already been assigned. It is said that a surprising amount of local talent has been discovered among the members of the club and a first class entertainment is promised.

Sues On Note and Mortgage

An action was filed in the district court Wednesday in which the International Mortgage bank is plaintiff and Thomas Gouge, Mollie Gouge, his wife, Charlie Hatley and Evelyn Hatley, husband and wife, W. Claud Renfro, and Wythe Lee Renfro, husband and wife, and E. J. Murray and Mary Nixon Murray, husband and wife, are defendants.

The plaintiff International Mortgage Bank is a corporation organized under the laws of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and is authorized to do business in this state.

The action is brought to foreclose and collect under a mortgage for \$4500.00, given by Thos. Gouge and wife to the plaintiff on land in section 31, township 43, range 2 west, near Emida. After giving the mortgage Gouge sold the land to Hatley and he in turn sold to Renfro and Renfro to Mrs. Murray.

It is alleged in the complaint that Mrs. Murray in her purchase