

City of Wallowa Financially In Good Condition

WALLOWA, Ore., Jan. 15 (Special)—Wallowa is among the best situated cities in the state of Oregon with regard to her financial situation, says the Sun. The outstanding indebtedness of the city is only approximately 15 per cent of the assessed valuation. Thus the reports from the state treasurer show that Wallowa's

city warrants and bonds are among the best securities obtainable. The city's sewer system will soon be entirely paid for as three of the funds have been balanced and closed. In the trunk line sewer and septic tank fund bonds and interest to the amount of \$1328.29 were paid, closing the account. Sewer improvement district No. 1 account was closed by the paying \$2330.85 on warrants, according to the annual report of the city treasurer filed at the January meeting of the city council.

Whereas the sewer district No. 3 fund showed an overdraft at the close of 1930, the report at the close of 1931 shows four bonds were paid off with interest amounting to \$2952, while the general fund shows an increased indebtedness of but \$1761.73.

Water receipts for the past year were virtually the same as for some of the years about the time when Wallowa was at the peak of its population, which is a commendable record for the present officers in charge of the city's affairs.

Several holders of Wallowa city bonds, which have matured, have agreed to accept new refunding bonds of like amount in exchange, and the city treasurer was instructed to attend to the details of the exchange at the last council meeting.

It was proposed, by the city treasurer, that when the final sewer bonds are paid off, a few months hence, a sinking fund be used to accumulate funds for other payments, using the money from such fund to buy warrants from the various departments of the city and thus save for the city the interest thereon.

The report shows that the net indebtedness in the water fund was reduced \$1401.84 last year.

Sport Slants

By Alan J. Gould

(Associated Press Sports Editor) Ray Barbitt, the only American to win a foot-race "on the flat" in the 1928 Olympics, will not do any galloping for Uncle Sam at Los Angeles. The great Syracuse athlete has hung up his spikes for good and the only classing he does now is in pursuit of insurance prospects.

Didn't he agree with us that the U. S. A. had good prospects of regaining some lost prestige by romping off with the Olympic short distance races this year up to and including the 800 meters?

"I'll go so far as to say I think we should win back the sprint championships, even if Percy Williams is back in shape to run for Canada and defend his titles," said Barbitt, "but I doubt very much if we win either the 400 or 800 meters. Beyond that it will just be a romp for Nurni and the rest of the Finns."

The reasons? "Well, it looks like we have lost Vic Williams, the Southern Californian who equalled the world 440 record at Franklin field, due to illness."

"Ben Eastman of Stanford is our best prospect at the middle distances and he may come through, but he has not had much experience."

"You will remember that as good a quarter miler as Bud Spencer, also of Stanford, did not even make the 400-meter team in 1928. The best he could do was get on the relay squad."

AND TODAY—HERE'S TAMARA!



A lot of promenaders at Miami Beach, Fla., have wondered about the identity of the sun-bathing enthusiast pictured here. Well, her name is simply "Tamara." She's a Russian, and she sings. Tamara also poses for those indefatigable newspaper photographers.

"My main reason for thinking we won't win these races, however, is that other countries, especially England, have better runners."

"I understand Douglas Lowe, winner of the 800 in the last two Olympiads, is training for a comeback. You have seen him run—and how! He's the smoothest foot-racer I ever watched and a grand sportsman, to boot."

"Another great English runner is G. H. Rampling, the quarter-miler, who has been running close to world's record time. The Germans have some fine quarter and half-milers, too."

"Ladouceur, the Frenchman, has broken world's records for the quarter-mile and mile and he would be tough to beat at the half. Sera Martin of France has broken the 800-meter record and will have to be figured on."

"As I see it, about the only Olympic track and field events we can be fairly hopeful of winning are the 100, 200, high jump, pole vault, relays and high hurdles. Last time we didn't win the sprints or the hurdles."

British Speed

Speaking of Rampling, the British quarter-miler, it may be noted that this runner was clocked in the phenomenal time of 49 3-5 seconds for the last 400-meter leg of a 1600-meter relay race in which the British beat the Germans at Cologne late last year.

The world's record is 47 seconds, held by Spencer of Stanford, and so far as I know this is the first time any runner, even in a relay, where he has the benefit of a galloping start, has ever "broken" that time.

Lord Burleigh ran on the same team with Rampling. The British were timed in 3:14.8, within a second of the official world's record set by an American all-star Olympic combination at London in 1929.

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Civil War Bounty Jumpers

A bounty jumper in the Civil war was one who upon payment of bounty enlisted for the army and afterward deserted from the service. Usually a man who did this successfully once repeated the performance until he had accumulated quite a sum of money or was caught at the game.

Hudson River

The Hudson river varies from one-half to nearly one and a half miles in width. However, it expands into Haverhaw bay, which is three and a half miles wide, and into Tappan sea, which is four miles wide.

"Morning Star"

The name "Lucifer" means "the shining one," and originally was a name for the morning star, or "son of the dawn."

Rail Agreement Between Japan, China Revealed

TOKYO, Jan. 15 (AP)—Recent details at Nanking of the existence of an agreement prohibiting the Chinese from building Manchurian railways paralleling Japanese lines brought from the government Thursday a statement revealing the text of a secret understanding concluded between the two countries in 1905.

It stipulated that no parallel railway lines should be built by China, the statement said, and was signed by 16 representatives of China and Japan. An English summary of its provisions was submitted by Japan in 1906 to the British and American governments in strictest confidence. It never was made public, the government statement said, at the special request of the Chinese, who explained that they did not want the Chinese people to know about the arrangement for political reasons.

Details Voiced Recently Dr. Wellington Koo, then foreign minister of China, asserted that no such agreement ever was made. It was in view of this and other denials that Thursday's statement was issued. Japan contends that China has violated the agreement time and again in spite of repeated protests.

Japan's reply to the recent American note invoking the nine-power treaty in the far east probably will be given to United States Ambassador Forbes tomorrow, it was said this evening.

The note was to have been delivered today, but the plans were changed at the last moment after Mr. Forbes had called at the foreign

office to receive it. The postponement was decided upon so that Kenkichi Yoshizawa, the new foreign minister who arrived from Mukden tonight, might deliver it personally. The tenor of the reply was not

immediately available, but there was nothing to indicate it varied from authoritative predictions made several days ago that the Japanese would declare their military operations in Manchuria have not transgressed the nine-power treaty of the

Kellogg-Briand pact. "It also was predicted Japan would ask for a conference to amend the nine-power pact with a more detailed definition of the term "administrative integrity" as applied to China.

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