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JOHN OLWELL ENJOINS CITY RECORDER

CASTING ABOUT FOR HEAD FOR GUBERNATORIAL FIGHT

CONDOR CO.'S WATER OFFER

Summary of the Water Proposition As Offered to the City--Points Clear

The following is a summary of the Condor Water & Power company's water proposition to the city of Medford as presented by Dr. Ray:

The Washington Pipe & Foundry company of Tacoma offer to build it complete, including two reservoirs and a filtration system (insuring pure water) for \$197,800.

This proposition will furnish at least 50 per cent more pure water than any proposition submitted to date and it will cost much less money to construct.

Rogue river will furnish an unlimited supply of pure water for all time to come and the water rights are assured, and there will be no fear of litigation over them. This cannot be said of any other water proposition.

What are the objections to Rogue river water?

First--Because it is a pumping proposition.

Now, there is no charge for pumping, unless there is a profit, and of this profit the city gets 25 per cent. The profits are regulated by the city as the present water rates cannot be raised only by the city council.

Second objection--Rogue river water is impure.

Now, unfiltered Rogue river water is being used at Grants Pass and its health compares favorably with Ashland, using mountain water from Ashland canyon. Again, the installation of a filtration system embodied in this proposition insures absolutely pure water.

Third objection--The bond issue already voted will not be available for a pumping proposition.

Now, if a pumping proposition is the best and cheapest proposition, then the people should be given a chance to vote on it, and if it carries, then this will validate the bond issue. The majority of water systems in the world are pumping systems, and they are built by issuing bonds and there is no question about the validity of such an issue or sale of the bonds.

The conditions are just the same whether the city operates the water system or the Condor Water & Power company operates it, in both cases the bond interest, the sinking fund and the operating expense must be paid from the revenues, and the water rates fixed by the city council.

As a result, under Condor Water & Power company management, water rates would be lower, because the water system would cost much less; the bond interest and sinking fund would be less; the operating expenses are guaranteed under Condor Water & Power company management. The water rates are fixed by the city council.

Under this proposition the city would own and control the water system absolutely; there would be no increased taxation; the Condor Water & Power company would simply act as an agent in operating the water system for the city of Medford under the control and supervision of the city council.

This water system can be installed within six months.

Why should the city of Medford waste more time and money in investigating water propositions in which there is a doubt as to a sufficient water supply and a doubt as to the ownership of the water, especially when it is known that they will cost so much more than the Condor Water & Power company's proposition?

WILL RUSH DREDGE

WORK ON THE MARSH

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Sept. 25.—J. C. Franks of San Francisco, who is an expert dredge and marsh workman, is going over the marsh work on the California Northeastern railway with Engineer H. P. Hoey, and it is anticipated that he will be given charge of the work.

The slow progress in throwing up this four-mile grade through the toles has delayed the completion of the rail road into this city.

POLITICIANS HAVE EYES ON CAMERON, AND MAYOR LANE

War Has Waged for Months in Portland Between Lane and the Council—Cameron Loses Strength by Trying to Close Up Town.

(Special to Tribune.)

PORTLAND, Or., Sept. 25.—With District Attorney Cameron giving whole sale orders to close cigar stores, candy stores, boot-blacking stands and all classes of trade on Sunday, and Mayor Harry Lane sitting in his office at the city hall like a sphinx, the political wisecracks are finding keen enjoyment in the dilemma which has thrown the small business men into a panic and forced a showing of gubernatorial strength between these two officials, who are popularly expected in Portland at least to be at the head of the respective state tickets in 1910.

Owing to Mayor Lane's quiet manner of obtaining effective redress in municipal administration of affairs, Cameron's sudden plunge into the reform game has resulted in a ludicrous situation in which all of Cameron's former supporters are now wondering why they voted for him. They also wonder why Cameron wants to close the city tighter than a New England town in the 17th century.

The Reason.

To those who know, or claim to know, the answer is simplicity itself. Mayor Lane since his succession to office has fought the battles for the people. With a game all hatched and ready to be cooked upon his defeat for reelection he went into office with a council so bitterly opposed to him that there was no trick too small, no game too nasty, no means too hateful that would not be played in order to embarrass him and secure his impeachment. Traps were laid which cost somebody pretty sums of money in efforts to entrap him and cause his downfall, but he always managed to emerge clean and with the confidence of the people behind him.

There was the effort to fasten the \$20,000 cable purchase upon Lane; there have been innumerable efforts to force him to sign illegal permits granting special privileges in the guise of public benefits; there have been efforts to call him to account for failure to properly perform his duties as mayor, but he always gave a proper accounting of his acts and always emerged so clean that the majority party in the council commenced to engage in internecine strife. Finally an open breach occurred in which Councilman Driscoll of the majority party got up and renounced his former actions and told his colleagues of the majority party to go hang; that he was through with them; that they had no strings on him and that he would be independent of their secret meetings, at which the plots were laid to entrap Mayor Lane.

Action Broke Up Clique.

This action broke up the clique, because others than Driscoll, clean men like Cellars, Baker and a few more, who desire to serve the people rather than party interest, joined Driscoll in the revolt and quiet followed the turbulence of the election. The people flocked to the mountains and the seashore. Nothing was expected in a political way except the national election. All of a sudden a bomb-shell was dropped right in the center of Portland, and the explosion which followed revealed the work of Cameron and his cohorts.

Sprung by Lane.

Needless to say, the bomb-shell was thrown by Mayor Lane. In his silent, mysterious manner he learned that large contracting companies were securing favors from the street committee of the city executive board. Mayor Lane appoints the members of the executive board and they serve without pay. The members are picked from the best type of business men in the city and are supposed to give their time to conduct the city's affairs as a duty which they owe to their city.

But when Mayor Lane found that Chairman Sabin was granting favors to large contractors and penalizing small ones, he called Sabin to account with

GIRLS LOCKED IN AN ICE BOX

Stockton Belles Are Nearly Frozen by Being Locked In Huge Refrigerator

STOCKTON, Cal., Sept. 25.—Eleven women of Stockton's younger society are thawing out today after a two hours' sojourn in an immense refrigerator. The young ladies had been invited to attend a party at Mrs. W. H. Chestnut Wood's, whose husband is steward at the state hospital. Miss Ada Belle Wing, sister of Mrs. Chestnut Wood, piloted a crowd into the refrigerator to remove several water-melons which were to be served at the luncheon.

While the girls were inside the refrigerator, selecting themselves luscious melons, an attaché of the hospital passed the door of the ice box and closed it, without knowing of the presence of anyone within. The girls at first thought that someone was playing a practical joke on them, but after remaining in the ice box for a few minutes they began to become chilled as they were dressed in summer apparel. Nine of the girls became frantic, but fortunately two of them were sufficiently self-possessed to spend the two hours in beating a tattoo on the door of the refrigerator. When finally Mrs. Wood missed her fair guests a search was made, and in passing the refrigerator the pounding on the door was heard.

The girls were soon released from their chilly prison, very cold and badly frightened.

LOCAL OPTION TURNED DOWN IN SISKIYOU

YREKA, Cal., Sept. 25.—The board of supervisors yesterday rejected a petition containing 500 signatures and asking for the enactment of an ordinance in favor of local option by precincts.

The petition originated in Montague, where a minister took up the cause. The divine did not appear before the board yesterday, but the petition had three spokesmen--former Assemblyman James Coyle of Hornbrook, S. W. Hooper, a Yreka attorney, and James Buchanan Russell, also of Yreka.

The supervisors paid respectful attention to the arguments and then turned down the petition. The number of signatures was not a near enough approach to a majority of the voters of the county to demand favorable action.

The fact that there was a temperance petition of any kind before the board threw the saloon men of Yreka into a flutter.

ACCIDENT MARKS THE OPENING OF RACING

DOUGLAS, Isle of Man, England, Sept. 25.—Shortly after the royal automobile club's automobile race began yesterday, one of the cars collided with a wall, throwing two occupants some distance and demolishing the machine. The course is in poor condition and more accidents are feared before the event is ended.

The result that he resigned from the board, although it is believed that the resignation was the result of mental telepathic suggestion passing from the city hall to Sabin's office.

Cameron Gets Busy.

Then Cameron, foregoing the immense popular sentiment which would flow to Lane because of calling a halt on the patronage of the big contractors, got busy and ordered all cigar stores, shoe-polishing stands, candy stores and a few other classes of harmless trade closed on Sunday. It was his bid for popular favor to offset Lane's businesslike action in putting a check to the illegal proceedings made in the name of the city. Instead of endearing the people to his cause, Cameron is doubtless lost favor and finally added denunciation to his lot by issuing an order prohibiting Sunday baseball. Portland without Sunday baseball would be like a good trout stream without the trout.

HANNA GAVE TEMPORARY ORDER

Papers Will Be Served Upon Collins This Afternoon--Date Has Not Been Set For Hearing

Holding that the recall amendment passed last June is ineffective and without legislative action providing for the manner of putting it into effect, Councilman John D. Howell, through his attorneys, Reames & Reames, Friday secured a temporary injunction from Circuit Judge Hanna, restraining City Recorder Benjamin F. Collins from calling a special election under the recall petition for his removal filed last Saturday. The injunction was served upon Mr. Collins by the sheriff's office. The time for a hearing to make the injunction permanent has not yet been set.

Recorder Collins had announced his intention of calling an election Saturday to be held October 15, claiming that there was no other course he could pursue, under the charter. He did not consult the city attorney or the attorney general as to the validity of the recall petition.

Grounds of Restraint.

The injunction is asked upon the grounds that Mr. Howell was duly elected, qualified and has since served as councilman from the first ward, the term extending from January 15, 1907, to January 15, 1909. The recall constitutional amendment passed last June is quoted as providing "such additional legislation as may aid the operation of this section shall be provided by the legislative assembly," and the amendment is alleged to be "ineffective for any purpose until aided by appropriate legislation."

Council Not Acted.

No action has ever been taken, it is alleged, by the people of Medford or its city council providing for the manner of carrying into effect the recall amendment, nor has there been any legislative action or popular vote providing therefor.

It is also alleged that there is no provision of law or ordinance providing the number of names to be signed to a recall petition, and the same was left to legislative action, which has not been taken, and the number required has not been fixed by law.

Still Another Ground.

It is also alleged that at the last general election the election precincts did not conform to the Medford city ward boundaries, nor have they ever conformed, and that the First ward consists of part of North and part of South Medford precincts, and that no one can determine the number of votes cast in the First ward for supreme judge, hence if there were an enabling act passed there is no way of determining the number of signers necessary.

Expense to Taxpayers.

The election, it is declared, will be a needless expense to taxpayers; a waste of money by the recorder; that a multiplicity of lawsuits will follow as well as block important pending legislation, to the detriment of the city. Judgment for costs and disbursements is also asked.

COLORADO STEAMS FROM ROUND TO FRISCO

NAY YARD, Pago Sound, Wash., Sept. 25.—The armored cruiser Colorado, Captain E. B. Henderson commanding, steamed out of the harbor yesterday for San Francisco. The Colorado is to go to that city to receive a draft of men to complete the crew and while there the presentation to the ship of a silver service, the gift of the people of the state of Colorado, will occur.

From San Francisco the Colorado is scheduled to go to Honolulu to meet the seven cruisers of the Pacific fleet returning from the cruise to Samoa.

FOREST FIRE LOSSES IN EAST AMOUNT TO \$10,000,000

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—R. W. Pullman, the government expert, who has been devoting much of his time recently to an investigation of losses growing out of forest fires, declared today that the losses in Minnesota alone will be about \$10,000,000. He has made no report on fires in other parts of the country.

JACKSON COUNTY PLEDGES \$50,000 FOR CRATER ROAD

PLOT AGAINST TEDDY'S LIFE

Secret Police of Several European Countries Reveal Anarchistic Plot

BAYONNE, France, Sept. 25.—Evidence of an anarchistic plot against President Roosevelt of the United States was today made public by the secret police of several European countries. Spanish secret service agents discovered traces of the plot while examining Guatrava, the famous Spanish anarchist, in an effort to connect him with suspected plots against the life of the king of Spain. Papers were also found on two Italian anarchists arrested at Sosa, Switzerland, Wednesday containing the most definite information possible regarding Roosevelt's African trip. They are now being held at Geneva in an effort to obtain further information against them.

There has been much activity noted among the anarchists of Europe during the past few weeks, but this is the first definite information that has been secured by the secret police of the nature of the plans.

LIQUOR CASE SET FOR WEDNESDAY

SALEM, Or., Sept. 25.—The Medford liquor case has been set for hearing in the supreme court Wednesday, October 7, at 10 o'clock. In this case Circuit Judge Hanna of Jackson county held that the charter of the city of Medford, adopted by the people prior to the temperance vote of the people last June, was supreme over the local option law, and that therefore since the charter gave the city the right to license saloons the temperance vote in June does not prevail.

The October term of the supreme court opens Monday, October 5. The calendar of the court has been arranged as follows:

Monday, October 5, at 10 o'clock, a motion in the Lividty vs. Krebs loop case will be heard; Tuesday, October 6, at 10 o'clock, examination of applicants for admission to the bar; Wednesday, October 7, 10 o'clock, argument in the Hall vs. Dunn case--Medford local option case; at 2 o'clock, argument in the Sehlinder vs. Parazzo case; from Douglas county; Thursday, October 8, at 10 o'clock, argument on the case of Wyckoff vs. Shipley, from Yamhill county; and at 2 o'clock, argument in the case of Armstrong vs. the Portland Railway, Light & Power company.

Motion in the disbursement proceedings brought against several Portland attorneys, and the appointment of referees to hear the argument will take place Tuesday, October 13.

KILLED BEST FRIEND, THINKING HIM ELK

SEASIDE, Or., Sept. 25.—Albert Olson was shot and killed by his best friend, Johannes H. Jordland, Wednesday morning while the men were out hunting big game. The accident happened near Pus, Or. Several miles from Seaside.

The men had been hunting bear, deer and elk in the vicinity for some time and had been very successful. Wednesday morning they each took different ends of a canyon and were to hunt the forest until they reached a point on which both had decided. Through a misunderstanding Olson passed the supposed place and was busily hunting the bushes and throwing huge stones to frighten the game out of the underbrush.

Jordland seeing the animal commotion, thought it was caused by an elk. He fired twice and saw a body fall. He called to Olson that he had killed the game, but received no reply. Upon investigation Jordland found Olson's body with two bullet holes through his breast.

Olson was an experienced hunter and why he should have left his appointed stand will never be known.

KLAMATH COUNTY WILL NOW BE ASKED FOR LIKE ACCOUNT

Good Roads Meet in Medford Proves Success--Interesting Discussions of Crater Lake Road--Commission Hard at Work and Doing Much.

Gentlemen of the convention: I pledge you now, that if Klamath county will give \$50,000, the state of Oregon \$100,000 and the federal government \$250,000, then Jackson county will give \$25,000 for each of two years with which to complete this project. The only thing Jackson county asks is evidence of good faith."

Such were the words of County Judge J. R. Neil during an enthusiastic good roads meeting in the rooms of the Commercial club, where particular stress was laid upon the building of the Crater lake road.

The pledge of Jackson county followed addresses on the part of Judge John H. Scott of Salem, president of the Oregon Good Roads association; C. S. Jackson of Portland and Judge Baldwin of Klamath Falls, each of whom installed in their audience an enthusiasm for better roads, and an intense desire to see the Crater lake project undertaken and carried to completion.

A number of the representative business men of the valley met the Crater lake road commission in the rooms of the Commercial club and for some hours the project of building the Crater lake road was discussed.

Judge Scott Speaks.

Judge John H. Scott of Salem addressed the meeting at some length, outlining the business end of the project. Jackson county was asked for \$50,000 and in return \$450,000 would be spent in Jackson and Klamath counties. He spoke of the asset the road would prove to southern Oregon as an asset to draw tourists.

Judge Baldwin spoke for some moments on the advantages of such a road and expressed for Klamath county that the \$50,000 that county is asked for would be forthcoming as the voters of that county all favored good roads.

C. S. Jackson, president of the commission, made a witty address, using many apt illustrations telling of the advantages of such a road.

John D. Howell, Dr. Pickell, P. Oenbrunge, Assessor Applegate and many others spoke.

Pledges Jackson County.

Judge Neil was called on and responded in a brief address pledging Jackson county for \$50,000 as its share of the necessary finances.

A good roads association was formed some 200 voters signing the roll. This organization has as its purpose the supporting of the county court in its action in pledging the money. It is set forth as follows:

"We, whose names are hereto signed, hereby voluntarily associate ourselves together under the name of the Jackson County Good Roads association.

"The purpose of this association is to encourage and assist in the construction and the maintenance of permanent public roads in this county and through out the state, and we each personally promise to do everything in our power as may be necessary to inaugurate and carry on the construction of a system of permanent public highways through out the state.

"The officers of the association shall consist of a president, a vice-president, secretary and treasurer, who shall be elected by the members and shall hold respective offices for one year, and shall discharge such duties as usually pertain to such offices in voluntary associations, or as may from time to time be presented by the members of this association."

Afternoon Session.

Judge Colvig, president of the Commercial club, opened the afternoon session, stating the great importance of the movement. He was followed by John H. Scott, the president of the Oregon Good Roads association, who spoke regarding the importance of better road management and the great benefit of good roads.

He urged the signing of the roll of the Good Roads association of the county so that the county court would be assured of the support of the voters in pledging money for the Crater lake project.

R. G. Smith advocated the bonding of the state in order to build better roads.

TRAINS CRASH; 25 ARE KILLED

Passenger Train on the Northern Pacific Smashed Into a Freight

HELENA, Mont., Sept. 25.—(Bulletin.)—According to a report received here from Livingston, passenger train No. 16 of the Northern Pacific, running east and which left Helena at midnight last night, smashed into a freight near Youngs Point and 25 persons were killed. This number includes the engineer, fireman and brakeman. Another report says that between 25 and 40 persons were killed.

The accident is attributed to a heavy fall of snow which obscured the view of the flagman of the freight train, and he could not make the engineer of the passenger see him. It is said the express telescoped the smoker, and that all casualties occurred in the smoker. One of the injured is Engineer Besinger of the passenger. Ora Babcock, his fireman, was instantly killed. It is impossible to get more definite news from the scene of the wreck on account of the crippled condition of telegraph communication.

NOTED BANDIT CHASE PASSES TO BEYOND

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 25.—James G. Nagle, intimately connected with the pursuit and capture of bandits who terrorized Nevada a few years ago in their attempts to rob the stage carrying gold from the placer regions to Nevada City, died last night in this city.

For the past 16 years Mr. Nagle held public office at Nevada City, most of that time as undersheriff. In that capacity he made the famous capture of the bandits who shot Sheriff William Pascoe and Davis Douglas. These hold-ups occurred eight years ago. Mr. Nagle secured the country with a posse and the bandits were finally captured. At that time Nevada county harbored some of the most noted criminals in the country.

Mr. Nagle came to Seattle three months ago in an effort to regain his health. The body will be shipped to Nevada City for interment.

GORE SAYS ROOSEVELT TACKLED THE WRONG MAN

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 25.—Thomas P. Gore, the blind senator of Kliloma, when asked about President Roosevelt's charges against Governor Haswell of Oklahoma, treasurer of the national democratic committee and the latter's connection with the Standard Oil company, declared that President Roosevelt "had tackled the wrong man" and that the president would get the worst of it in the end. He said Governor Haswell was amply able to take care of his end of the discussion and that the president would find himself worsted when the controversy was over.

HEAD OF SWIFT COMPANY VISITING IN SEATTLE

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 25.—Edward F. Swift, one of the heads of Swift & Company, Chicago packers, arrived in Seattle last evening with a party of friends who have joined with him on a vacation trip through the west. With Mr. Swift are Mrs. E. F. Swift, Edward Tilden and wife of Chicago, Colonel A. D. Davidson of Toronto, A. D. MacRae and Mrs. MacRae of Winnipeg, and F. S. Darling and Mrs. Darling.

The party will stay in Seattle for a few days and will begin the return journey to the east via Portland and California.

Judge E. F. Kelly has tried 15 cases in the past two weeks in the circuit court and won all but one for his clients.

He spoke interestingly of various good roads legislation that had been attempted.

Members of the Crater lake road commission spoke, all along the line of good roads, interesting and enlivening their audience.