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TO PAVE OR NOT TO PAVE

Large Crowd Gathers in Expectation of Scrap in City Council, but Are Disappointed

The council chamber in the city hall was crowded Thursday evening by the large number of citizens who gathered in expectation of a scrap on the floor of the council over the ordering of paving work.

Simply Matter of Money. Three petitions in all were presented to the council asking for paving.

Contracts Awarded. The contract for the construction of curbs on Central avenue preliminary to the pavement work has awarded to the Medford Cement Paving company at 40 cents a foot.

Minor Business. W. P. Baker was appointed street commissioner in place of W. L. Orr and Thomas J. Williams was named as keeper of the city park.

The bonds of chief and Night Officer Brophy were accepted and approved.

The plat of Highland Park addition, Scott Davis was accepted.

An ordinance terminating the contract with Robert King for making water connections was passed.

The matter of street lights will be discussed at a future meeting, the light committee stating that they had a number of matters to be offered soon in way of improvements.

Sidewalks throughout the city are to be improved soon, the street committee being instructed to report on same throughout the city.

CONSIDERABLE WORK IS DONE ON GRAVITY SYSTEM

Hamilton Has Due Him From the City the Amount of \$2892.06 for Work Done in February.

The report of Consulting Engineer W. J. Roberts to the city council regarding the monthly estimate of money due I. L. Hamilton for work completed on the gravity system so that in spite of the bad weather much work has been done.

The estimate shows that 700 yards of solid rock and 1036 yards of other material was taken from the reservoir in February. On the tunnel 75 feet of work was completed during the month.

The total amount due Mr. Hamilton, according to the estimate, less 76 per cent retained, is \$2892.06.

WASHINGTON TAFT SENDS SENATE HIS CABINET APPOINTMENTS

Hundreds of Belated Visitors Leaving Capital for Home—Outlook for Next Congress

WASHINGTON, March 5.—The grim gray dawn of the morning after found the national capital almost as quiet as if not so deserted, as a haunted cemetery at midnight during the dark of the moon.

Despite the tired feeling so prevalent today, there are not a few statesmen who are already considering the future of the new administration and the things to be accomplished by the legislators.

Unless present signs fail, dog days will find congress sweltering over tariff schedules instead of toying with long gables filled with ice and straw on the veranda of summer resorts.

Big Work Ahead. There has never been a general tariff revision bill framed and passed in less than 131 days.

Speaker Cannon refuses to consider anything that would take his attention from congress before the last of July and it is even intimated that he has a suspicion that the special session may run right up to the opening of the next regular session in December.

With the insurgents their purpose to take all the time they want in discussing the bill. They may not have a bill of their own to offer, but they will have a few remarks about the one presented by the Republicans.

Those who want the tariff legislation hastened are not losing opportunities to get information on the probable long session before the people. They hope to bring the business interests which are waiting to see what the tariff law contains to put pressure on the members of congress to the end that the tariff schedule shall be established and business become normal once again after the suspense of pending tariff legislation.

HARRIMAN LINES MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR FAIR

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 5.—The Harriman lines to Portland, as well as the Pacific Coast Steamship and other concerns operating passenger steamers along the coast, are laying plans for a big business from here to Puget sound during the Alaska-Yukon Pacific exposition this year.

While the Harriman line, running only to Portland, would not at first sight appear to cut much figure in the business, the fact that it has railroad connections from Portland to Seattle and can land passengers by the combination route at the Sound outposts to less time than the direct trip can be made by water, gives the Harriman people assurance that they will have a large traffic.

The excursion rates by all lines have not been announced, but the San Francisco and Portland line, quoting both sea and land rates to Seattle, expects to compete with all its rivals.

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MAYOR'S VETO SUSTAINED IN GRANTS PASS

City Votes to Retain Old Company Who Are Making Extensive Repairs in That City to System

GRANTS PASS, March 5.—After one of the hottest sessions ever held by the city council of Grants Pass, the veto on the franchise to the Citizens' Telephone company by Mayor McKinney was sustained.

Prior to taking the vote there had been a warm debate on the proposition by the members of the council. The council chamber was filled with people and taxpayers to the limit and all were expectantly awaiting the result.

Vote Was Three to Five

The vote stood three to five in support of the mayor's veto. As it requires a two-thirds vote to override the mayor's veto, the result was the sustaining of the action of the mayor.

Among the reasons given by the mayor for vetoing the ordinance are the following:

First—The city was offered through you equally as good telephone service by the Pacific States Telephone company for 50 cents a month less to each business telephone.

Second—A remonstrance against granting this franchise, signed by 60 of the business men of the city, was presented to you, which, I feel, should have more consideration than was given it.

Third—Inasmuch as the franchise does not require a bond for the faithful fulfillment of the requirements of the same, I feel that the interests of the city are not properly safeguarded.

Clever Scheme Frustrated. After the vote had been recorded the friends of the Home company made another fight to save the day for their cause.

Councilman Riggs moved that when the council adjourns it adjourn to meet next Monday evening. This was an apparently innocent looking motion in itself, but its import did not escape Councilman Taft.

Councilman Riggs stated that it was to consider the granting of a franchise for the irrigation ditch through the town and other matters. He entered into quite a lengthy and involved explanation of the purpose of his motion, but refused to be pinned down to the single proposition of the irrigation matter.

Councilman Taft then moved, an amendment to the motion providing that when the council adjourns it adjourn to consider the irrigation matter.

The gist of the whole matter is that now the adjourned meeting can consider nothing but the irrigation matter and it will be impossible to vote for a reconsideration of the vote of the telephone franchise.

The humorous feature of the whole situation is that the adherents of the Citizens' Telephone company, that is, some of them, voted to sustain the amendment to the motion, evidently under the impression that they were voting on the original motion itself.

At any rate, the council adjourned to Monday evening to consider the irrigation matter, for which there is no pressing need at the present time.

"CORKING REST" FOR CITIZEN TEDDY

Three Dead and Three Dying From Effect of Yesterday--Taft Gets at Work Early

WASHINGTON, March 5.—President Taft was at his desk in the executive office in the White House at 9:30 o'clock this morning.

Childs C. Knox, secretary of state, Franklin McVagh, secretary of the treasury, Jacob M. Dickinson, secretary of war, George V. Meyer, secretary of the navy, Charles Nagel, secretary of commerce and labor, Frank H. Hitchcock, postmaster general, James Wilson, secretary of agriculture, Richard A. Ballinger, secretary of the interior.

Taft and Knox have held their first official conference this morning. The senate met at noon to receive the appointments.

"Corking Rest" for Teddy. OYSTER BAY, March 5.—Theodore Roosevelt, citizen, and Mrs. Roosevelt arrived home at 2:15 this morning and went straight home to Sagamore Hill.

The only persons at the home of the family were two servants and Noah Scanlan, superintendent of the estate. After greeting his daughter, the former president shook hands with the servants and declared his intention of at once going to bed.

All visitors were informed that Colonel Roosevelt would see no one.

The simplicity of the manner in which the man who only yesterday was surrounded with secret service men, returned to his home, caused much comment.

It was announced today that the Roosevelts will leave the states for Africa on March 22 on a steamship of the Hamburg American line.

SLUMBERED WITH A RAIL FOR A PILLOW

Night Watchman Brophy Finds Drunk on Tracks Just in Time to Pull Him Off and Save Him From Freight.

John Avia of Grants Pass will never realize how close he was to tragedy on Thursday night, when he was found and saved from death by Night Watchman Brophy.

Avia fell into town from Grants Pass and blew in his cash along Front street. As a result he soon became so intoxicated and wandered over towards the carlines.

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OHIOANS OF ASHLAND CELEBRATE. ASHLAND, Or., March 5.—The 50th anniversary of the Ohio society of Ashland has come to be quite a celebration here, there being an unusually large proportion of people here from the Buckeye state.

Joseph Biol, a plasterer, was another who was up in court Friday. He drank some firewater and started in to clean up the row.

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NAMES CASE FOOLISH AND THEN RESIGNS

United States District Attorney Does Not Care to Mix in Libel Case Against Paper

WASHINGTON, March 5.—Rather than prosecute the Indianapolis News in connection with the alleged libel against the government relative to the Panama canal purchase, Joseph B. Keeling tendered his resignation today to Attorney General Wickersham.

In tendering his resignation Mr. Keeling stated that he was thoroughly out of sympathy with the attitude taken by the government in the matter and that he could not conscientiously undertake the prosecution.

"The matter is foolishness to some," stated Mr. Keeling, "and so it would be to me had I nothing to do with the case. Feeling this way, I would rather resign than under take the case."

POPE OWNS STOCK IN SHASTA COUNTY GOLD MINE

REDDING, Cal., March 5.—The pope at Rome owns stock in a Shasta county gold mine, and what is more, is in receipt of monthly dividends from the property.

The original Quartz Hill mine, between Buckeye and Gold Diggings, is owned almost exclusively by Polish priests in Chicago and their parishioners.

The mine is under long lease to the Mammoth Copper company of Kennebec, which spent \$100,000 or more to build a railroad from the mine across the river to a junction with the Southern Pacific opposite Old Diggings.

The mine is, as its name indicates, a hill of quartz. The ore is just what the smelter wants for flux. The mine is very valuable because of its proximity to the smelter, where its ore is virtually smelted for nothing.

A. C. Hilder, superintendent of the mine, had a letter yesterday from the president of the company in Chicago. The president wrote that Pope Pius X had been a stockholder for several months and had very gratefully acknowledged the receipt of dividends at regular intervals.

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ACTION IS PUT OFF UNTIL MAR. 20

Commissioners Will in All Probability Take Favorable Action at That Time To Circulate Petitions

County Commissioners Owens and Patterson have deferred action on the Crater Lake road appropriation until March 20, when an adjourned meeting of the county court will be held and in all probability the appropriation made.

The greatest collection of boosters ever gathered in Jackson county appeared before the county court and commissioners Thursday afternoon at Jacksonville, completely filling the circuit courtroom, which for two hours rang with the eloquence and oratory of Crater Lake road advocates.

The bravest taxpayers of the county and their representatives, representing an assessed valuation of over ten millions of dollars, requested the appropriation and expressed their eagerness to pay any increase necessitated.

All Parts Represented. All parts of the county were represented, and had a longer time been allowed, twice the number would have attended.

Steel Tells of Trip. Will G. Steel told of his visit to the government officials and their promised cooperation. He stated that the division chief of the forestry service at Portland has received orders since the state legislature made the appropriation to begin work on July 1 in the reserve and park on the road, and divert all funds possible to the building of the highway.

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'OUR GEORGE' TAKES PLACE IN SENATE

Sworn In at First Session of 61st Congress—Senate Confirmed Taft's Appointments

WASHINGTON, March 5.—George E. Chamberlain of Oregon was sworn in as United States senator from Oregon today by Vice-President Sherman.

The senate confirmed the appointments to Taft's cabinet.

President Taft conferred with the republican members of the ways and means committee, apparently in connection with the appropriations to come before congress during this special session.

covered by a levy the year following. Should anyone attempt to legally block the payment of these warrants, the court can inform him that next year, instead of levying for \$12,500, the levy will be made for double that amount, and no law can stop a levy or the expenditure of the money after the levy has been made.

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