



THE COUNCIL MEETING.

Regular Meeting Tuesday Night. Bills Allowed, Water Ordinance Passed. Road Work Planned.

The regular session of council was held Tuesday night. Present: Mayor Britt, councilmen Fick, Lewis and McIntyre; Smith absent.

The following claims against the city were presented, audited and ordered paid:

Fred J. Fick, supplies	\$0.20
S. O. Traction Co. freight	5.87
D. W. Bagshaw, salary 15.00,	
supplies .75, legal work 5.00	20.75
Crane Co., meters & book	286.00
W. G. Kenney, salary	35.00
M. D. Jones, blacksmithing	.75
C. Ulrich, powder license \$0.25,	
team 29.00, cable .75, Ryan 1.50	
salary 65.00	96.50

C. Ulrich for Jones, 9.00; for Hosely 18.15; for Lundgren \$17 44.15 Street commissioner reported water collections for March \$55.50, which he had deposited in bank. He also reported names of users for month and of those delinquent.

Judge Gardner was present and discussed with the council the matter of repairing the road on Jackson creek, suggesting that the city co-operate with the county and Mr. Gagnon in doing the work. The matter was taken under advisement.

Ordinance No. 1037 was then taken up and after some discussion was passed by unanimous vote: it was then approved by the mayor. This is the water ordinance classifying water users and fixing rates for use of city water. As it carries an emergency clause it is immediately effective. The meter rates go into effect on the old meters on April 15, and on new ones whenever they are installed. Users will pay the flat rate until meters are put on.

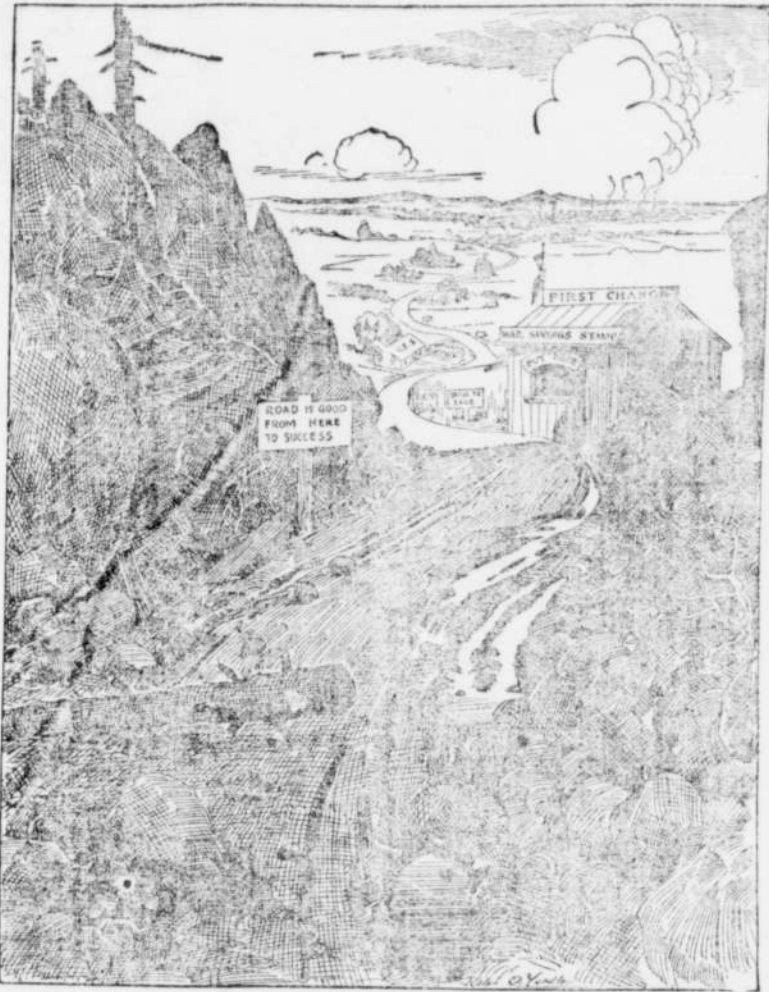
Wedding Causes Quarrel.

The Dalles, Or., March 31.—Because Maude J. Stillwell approved of her daughter's sweetheart, while her husband, W. C. Stillwell, did not, she has filed a suit for divorce.

Mrs. Stillwell says that the young man in question began to pay court to their daughter, Pearl, two years ago. When Mr. Stillwell objected to the young man, a quarrel ensued.

The young couple were not deterred by the father's objection, but were recently married.

GUIDE POSTS



Camp Lewis Boy Drops

3300 Feet in Air Test.

Seattle, March 31.—Robert E. Cadden, a soldier in the 165th depot brigade, Camp Lewis, leaped safely from an army airplane yesterday at an altitude of 3300 feet, using a new triple parachute for fliers.

The experiment was made in a stiff wind and heavy rain. Cadden had never been aloft in an airplane before. He practiced climbing from the extra seat in the plane to the top several times and then announced he was ready to go up.

At 3300 feet Percival Barnes, pilot, shouted back to Cadden: "Any time you are ready now." Barnes had no sooner finished speaking than Cadden climbed to the top of the plane and stepped off as coolly as if he had done it many times before.

Cadden's home is at Bellevue. He enlisted in the regular army in 1916 and when America entered the European war started with his regiment overseas, but sickness at Hoboken prevented his going.

PEACE TREATY

READY SOON.

French Semi-Official Report Fixes Easter as Date of Signing.

Paris, March 30.—The peace treaty will be ready to be signed by Easter, it is expected in French semi-official circles. M. Datasis, secretary general to the peace conference, is going to Versailles soon to make arrangements for the reception of the German delegates and for accommodations for the peace conference.

While the treaty will be actually signed in the historic Salle des Places, the negotiations will be carried out in one of the smaller salons.

French information respecting the situation at Danzig is that the Germans are increasing their forces there and along the neighboring coast.

Astoria installing \$15,000 berry canning plant.

OUR OWN STATE

Some Recent Happenings In Various Parts of Oregon

Chenoweth of Curry

Murders Soldier.

Gold Beach, Ore., March 31.—George D. Chenoweth, who served in the Oregon legislature at the last session, was in jail here today, having surrendered to the police at Langlois, Saturday night, after he had shot and killed George Sydman, a young soldier recently discharged from service. Family troubles were given as the reason for the killing, which was evidently premeditated, according to the police. Sydman was reported to have been attentive to Chenoweth's daughter when he went to war.

Albany Bridge Contract Let.

Albany, Or., March 31.—J. W. Hammell of this city has been awarded a contract by the city council to erect a concrete bridge over Penniwinkle creek in the eastern part of the city, where the Pacific highway will enter the city on the Salem road. The bridge will be of a type designed by Hammell, his plan having been accepted by the council.

Alleged Bootleggers

Arrested by Sheriff.

Prineville, Or., March 29.—Louis Stanciloff and Garrett Stark, of Prineville, were arrested Tuesday by Sheriff Cobb and Deputy Sheriff Rowell, near Howard, with two and a half gallons of whiskey in their possession. Each was released on \$500 cash bail. It is the belief locally that this is the first step toward checking the operations of a ring of alleged bootleggers said to have been operating here the past few weeks.

New Hotel Planned

for Gearhart Beach.

Astoria, Or., March 31.—Gearhart Park is to have a new summer resort hotel representing an investment of \$50,000, according to announcement made by O. W. Taylor, who heads the syndicate which is to make the investment. Plans are being perfected for the immediate erection of the building which is to be one of the finest beach resort hotels in the West. The plans also provide for a country club in connection with the hotel. The Gearhart golf links are already favorably known in Portland.

Woman Hunter and Trapper

Collects Bounty on Wolves.

Brownsville, Or., March 31.—News was brought here recently that Foster has a woman trapper and hunter in the person of Mrs. Ralph Blanchard, who lives a little distance above the town. Mrs. Blanchard, who is a young woman in the twenties, traps and shoots for pasture and profit, and frequently takes pelts to Albany and claims the state bounty. She shot two big gray wolves this spring with a rifle. The hides of these as well as the pelts of some bobcats she took to Albany and received from the county clerk \$22 in bounty and will also get \$45 from the state.

The Dalles Raises Dance Ban

The Dalles, Or., March 31.—After having been in effect since last November, the ban on public dances was raised yesterday by Mayor J. P. J. Stadelman. It has been several weeks since there was any number of influenza cases here, but the ban has remained effective as a precautionary measure. It was raised in order to permit a dance to be given by the baseball team.

Hood Hen Fasts 18 Days.

Hood River, Or., March 31.—How long can a hen live without food or drink? Robert Rand, octogenarian of Wu Guin Gain, says that a pet fowl at his place fasted for 18 days. The hen made a nest under a building on the place. While she was laying her way of escape was obstructed. When Mr. Rand discovered the hen Saturday she was so weak she couldn't walk. She weighed one and three-fourths pounds. Mr. Rand estimated that she weighed six when lost.

Biddy, however, has been taking nourishment regularly since her discovery and is rapidly gaining the lost weight.

MEXICO GRANTS LAND TO JAPAN.

Over Million Acres Taken From American Company.

Washington, March 31.—The American embassy at Mexico City was instructed today to make inquiries concerning the report that the Mexican government has granted agricultural concessions to Japanese in Lower California, and to report the facts as quickly as possible.

No official information has reached the department about the concessions and surprise was occasioned by the dispatch from Mexico City yesterday quoting General Amado Aguirre, secretary of development and agriculture as saying they had been granted. The American government is interested both because of the apparent success of Japan in obtaining a long sought foothold in Lower California, and because the tract of land involved was developed and is claimed by an American company whose rights were declared forfeited by the Mexican government in 1917.

The land, upwards of a million acres below the California border, was granted by the then President Diaz to the California and Mexican Land company of Los Angeles, of which General Harrison Gray Otis of Los Angeles was the leading figure. It was desert land with nothing growing on it but sagebrush, cactus and chaparral. The soil however was rich, in places 80 feet deep, formed by deposits for generations by the Colorado river. It produced nothing for Mexico and the expense of putting water on the land was so great that no one in Mexico would undertake it. The American company spent more than \$1,000,000 in irrigation work before the tract was productive. One of the requirements of the concession was that the land should be irrigated. Another was that the tract should be settled with farmers and ranchers. Both these requirements are said to have been met by the American company.

City-Owned Phone

System for Salem.

Salem, Or., April 1.—C. E. Albin, mayor of Salem, will appoint a special committee to consider ways and means for the establishment of a municipal telephone system here in the event the Oregon public service commission issues an order allowing the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company to increase its rates according to present proposed schedules. This authority was extended the mayor at a meeting of the city council last night after a proposal had been made by E. T. Basselle, formerly engineer with the public service commission and who was one of Salem's representatives at the recent rate hearings in Portland. He asserts that a plant capable of producing service as good as the present service can be given for about 70 per cent of the present cost to patrons.

Lights to Act as Curfew.

Everett, Wash., March 31.—Curfew will blink instead of ring after tomorrow in Everett. Tonight curfew bells were heard for the last time. In their place, beginning tomorrow night, street lights will be blinked when it is time to notify boys and girls under 16 that the hour has come for them to be at home.

The lights will blink at 9 P. M. during the summer and 8 P. M. in winter.

Alleged Oregon Boy

Held in Pennsylvania.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 31.—E. W. Betts, 24, a soldier claiming to reside in Portland, Or., was arrested last night at Wilkesbarre, Pa., charged with beating a hotel there out of a board bill of \$53. He is also suspected of knowing something of several thefts, recently occurring in Scranton, Pa., hotels. Shortly after being arrested a young woman reported she had given the same soldier two rings valued at \$100. In a letter found on his person Betts mentions the fact that he was wanted by Buffalo authorities.

The name of E. W. Betts does not appear in the Portland city directory.

Marshallfield—Estimated cost Coos road about \$350,000.

Portland—Public dock commission favors construction of 12,000 ton dry dock at once.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Manufactures, Enterprises and Improvements, Providing Payrolls and Promoting Development of Oregon.

Portland—Willamette Iron and Steel works ships six marine boilers for sale, being outfitted by the Todd Shipbuilding Co. at Tacoma.

North Bend has orders for 20,000,000 feet lumber for middle west.

North Bend milk condenser will be open with enlarged plant capacity.

Salem—State board of capital asks bids on two brick dormitories.

The extension of public ownership can only mean ultimate common ownership of lands and industries. Do we want this?

Portland gets \$25,000 auto feeder and bldy factory.

Portland—Sawmills in Northwest resuming operations rapidly.

Roseburg—California Packing Co. will erect packing plant in this city.

Over 100 miles permanent road will be constructed in Douglas county during coming months, if present plans are brought to consummation.

Canyon City—\$114,246.00 contract let for grading and graveling 7.2 miles of John Day Highway.

Gresham gets new factory.

Echo—Hill road from Echo to Pendleton being repaired—other work coming.

North Bend—Buehner Lumber Co. to reduce wages April 1, from \$4 to \$3.20 a day.

Hood River—"Dee Mill" of Oregon Lumber Co. to resume operations this month.

Portland—Oregon log demand strong due to resumption of operations by mills of Western Oregon and Washington.

Cottage Grove—Highway between Walker and this city to receive financial assistance from S. P.

Gold Hill—Owing to continuous rains, roads all over district require considerable work.

St. Helens—Columbia River Canning Co. paid farmers and labor total expenditure of \$94,896 during four years of operations.

St. Helens—Contract let for crematory building to cost \$3,000.

Reedsport makes rapid growth; incorporation proposed.

Newport—New garage to be opened here.

Banks—Much lumber shipped by Cedar Valley Lumber Co.

Sutherlin—\$50,000 drier planned here.

Pendleton—Standard Oil Co. to expend between \$25,000 and \$30,000 in new buildings here.

Astoria—\$15,000 worth of machinery to be installed in Farwest plant immediately.

Sherwood—Clackamas County Hop Farming Co. receive big contract from foreign buyers for 30,000 lbs hops at 25 cents per pound.

Sheridan—Plans completed for paving of highway between Sheridan and Willamina.

Fleetwood—Lake county may get highway.

Willamette, West Linn and Fulton to build \$52,000 school.

Macy shipyard wage scale extended to October 1st.

Lumber production in 1918 fell off 3,600,000,000 ft.

Outlook for fruit market in Northwest is good.

U. S. Soldiers Raid Reds.

Archangel, March 29.—An American patrol yesterday raided the bolshevik line of communications south of Dolshova Ozera, causing considerable confusion among an enemy relief detachment going forward into that town. Meanwhile American guns shelled the town and airplanes dropped bombs on the place.

Bolshevik artillery yesterday heavily shelled the American positions at Narniar and at Vaga.

Jefferson Davis'

Captor is Dead.

Johnson City, Tenn., March 31.—Jasper Noble, 74, Civil War veteran and credited with having captured President Jefferson Davis at the close of the war, is dead at the Mountain Branch Soldiers' home here.

The Fish are biting

Lewis Ulrich can tell you where to catch 'em

He also sells the kind of tackle you want.

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General - Merchandise

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