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AMENDMENTS TO CHARTER

COUNCIL COMMITTEE EXPLAINS IN REGARD TO NEW WATER PLANT

The Electors of the City of Redmond:

Monday, July 15th, a special session will be held in the City of Redmond for the purpose of submitting to the electors of said city, for approval or rejection, two amendments to amend the charter, showing the importance of this session the council, at an informal meeting thereof, held on the 9th day of July, authorized a preparation and publication of a statement covering the situation as fully as possible at the beginning.

In the first place, when the charter was submitted at the special session held in March, 1911, it was proposed to install in the city system of water works generally known as the "Standpipe" system. It was proposed to erect a standpipe of 100,000 gallons capacity and arrangements were made with the C. C. W. L. & P. Co. to do the pumping. It was estimated that the system would cost about \$20,000 and provisions were made in the charter for an indebtedness of \$25,000.00. So soon as the charter became effective a committee from the council visited land for the purpose of placing a standpipe and securing bids on construction of the work. At the same time negotiations were being opened up with bond companies in San Francisco, Denver, Seattle and other places. These efforts resulted in interesting in the bid the contracting firm of Jeffery & Bufton, of Portland, and as then proposed to pay for the same by the issue of bonds and as said firm were unable to carry bonds they associated with the bonding house of J. C. Causey & Co. of Denver. After Bufton, of Jeffery & Bufton, and Smith, a representative of J. H. Causey & Co., had thoroughly investigated the situation and estimated cost of constructing the system and upon the said firm of Jeffery & Bufton submitted a bid in sum of \$24,500.00, subject, of

course, to the approval of the attorneys for the bonding company as to the legality of the proposed issue of bonds. This bid was accepted and a contract entered into accordingly. By this time summer was here and the attorneys were away on their vacation and before a decision could be had from them fall had arrived. However, when they did finally pass upon the matter they required some slight changes and corrections to be made which consumed probably a month of time. Then the bonding house required assurance of the financial ability of the C. C. W. L. & P. Co. to carry out their contract with the city, and not being satisfied on that point, refused to go further with the project.

This, of course, necessitated a change of plans and the reservoir system was adopted by the council, it being the intention of securing water from the Pilot Butte canal and constructing, on the top of Forked Horn Butte, a reservoir of 1,000,000 gallons capacity and installing, by the city, of its own pumping plant. This plan looked good to the council and preliminary surveys were made and another contract was entered into with Jeffery & Bufton to construct this system for the sum of \$27,000.00. This contract was conditioned on the securing of water from the C. O. I. Co. By the way, one of the changes made in the charter, under the direction of the lawyer attorneys, authorized the issuance of bonds in the sum of \$27,000.00. So this last contract just cleaned up the bonds. However, when the question of taking water from the canal was presented to the C. O. I. Co. they insisted upon terms which the council did not feel justified in granting. For instance, they required:

First, that water for all of the townsite located on section 16 be purchased at the rate of \$50.00 per acre. True, part of this did not have to be purchased until 1917, but they assured us that if we delayed purchasing until that time we would have to pay at least \$100.00 per acre.

Second, they required the city to secure the consent of each lot holder in that portion of the city not in section 16, to the diversion of the point of delivery of the water from the highest irrigable point on each forty to the foot of Forked Horn Butte and that the city hold the company harmless on account of such diversion.

Third, they required that the annual maintenance tax of 80 cents per acre be assumed by the city.

They made some other and further requirements, but the above is enough to show the impossibility of dealing with them. This, of course

necessitated a change of plans and the present proposed system, that is, of going to the Deschutes river and pumping the water to the top of Forked Horn Butte, was adopted.

After considerable delay and expense in the way of further surveys and estimates a contract was entered into with Jeffery & Bufton for the construction of said system at the price of \$36,470.00 of which amount \$35,000.00 is to be paid in bonds and \$1,470.00 by the issue of warrants. The reason that the whole amount is not to be paid for in bonds is that Causey & Co. to whom Jeffery & Bufton had sold the bonds, refused to accept more than \$35,000.00 in bonds. Therefore Jeffery & Bufton agreed to take the balance due them in warrants.

This, of course, necessitated an amendment to the charter authorizing the issue of bonds in the sum of \$35,000.00, and it is up to you to say whether such authority shall be given to the council.

On your vote depends the question of a water system for the city.

A favorable vote insures the construction of the system as a contract has already been entered into with Jeffery & Bufton whereby they agree to commence the construction of the system within thirty days after the passage of an ordinance authorizing the issue of the bonds, and to complete the same within ninety days thereafter, and the fulfillment of said contract is guaranteed by a bond of the American Surety Co. in the sum of \$35,000.00, which the said firm has filed with the city.

Said ordinance will be passed by the council just as soon as you authorize them to do so.

So you see the entire matter is up to you.

Now as to amendment No. 2 Under the present charter there is no limit to the issue of warrants by the city. The council can order the issue of warrants in any sum and the same would be held legal and binding upon the city.

If this amendment is defeated it will leave matters just where they are at present.

The present indebtedness of the city, as represented by warrants outstanding, is about \$4,000.00. The council estimates that the cost of the water system will be about \$35,000.00 in addition to the \$35,000.00 payable in bonds, and including the amount paid Jeffery & Bufton in warrants. This includes the purchase of right of way, of a reservoir site, engineering expenses and incidentals.

Therefore, thinking that there ought to be some limit on the city as to the amount of indebtedness to be contracted they have prepared

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APPRECIATION OF FIRE DEPT.

Tum-A-Lum Lumber Co. Sends \$50 Check to the Redmond Department

In appreciation of the good work done by the Redmond volunteer fire department at the livery barn fire last week, and the efforts the firemen put forth in saving the Tum-A-Lum Lumber Co.'s property adjoining, the company has sent the following letter to Fire Chief G. W. Wells:

To the Officers and Members of the Redmond Fire Department, Redmond, Oregon.

Gentlemen: The president of our company has requested us to thank you individually and as an organization, for your excellent services at the fire the morning of July 2, 1912.

We feel that but for your efficient services our entire plant would have gone up in smoke at that time.

Gentlemen, we thank you most heartily, and, as an earnest token of our sincerity we hand you herewith our check for fifty dollars. Use it as you see fit.

Thanking you again, gentlemen, and with an abiding faith in the Redmond fire department we are

Yours for better equipment and new water works,

TUM-A-LUMBER CO.,
By Aug. A. Anderson, Mgr.
Frank L. Waid, Dist. Mgr.

New Phone Directory

The new phone directory of the Deschutes Mutual Telephone Co. has been issued from the press of The Spokesman this week. The directory contains the names of the Redmond, Powell Butte, Laidlaw, and Prineville subscribers, and contains 24 pages. It is the largest and most comprehensive phone directory ever gotten out in Crook county.

High Grade Dairy Cows on Sale

ALL THE TIME- Dutch Belted Holsteins, Guernseys, Red Durhams, Ayrshires and Big Jerseys, fresh milkers or close springers; also several Registered and Graded Jersey, Holstien and Short Horn BULLS. I also have Yearling Heifers, one or two year old Steers for feeders in car lots or less on demand. CREDIT Given on feeders. Call at the old Redmond ranch, one-quarter mile north of Redmond, Ore., at the Railroad Stockyard, or write to

C. P. JUDGE
Redmond, Oregon

PHONE LINE IS CONNECTED UP

Local Phone Co. Now Has Its
System in Splendid
Working Order

The Deschutes Mutual Telephone Co. has its line completed from this city through the Powell Butte section to Prineville and is now connected with the Independent Phone Co., the Pioneer Line and the Pacific States line, all at Prineville.

Subscribers of the Deschutes Mutual Telephone Co. can get direct connection with the companies mentioned above. The Laidlaw and Sisters line is also connected with the system here and no better phone service can be had any where in the state than what is now given by the Deschutes Mutual.

Manager Miller of the Deschutes Mutual, put in the new phones at Powell Butte the first of the week, and the people in that section can now get into communication with all sections of Central Oregon and outside points direct from their local phones.

To J. J. Ellinger, president of the Deschutes Mutual, and some of the other officers of the company assisted by local business men, is the credit due for the extension of the service and connection with the various long distance lines.

A Good Paper

Last week the Bend Bulletin got out an issue of 44 pages containing many illustrations of places and scenes in that city and vicinity, and a large amount of descriptive reading matter. The paper was a credit to Bend and to the publishers.

The Band's Mascot

Little Howard Bush, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Bush of this city, is the mascot for the Redmond Concert band and will soon appear in a special uniform that has been ordered for him. The youngster, who is only 3 years old, can blow any horn or clarinet in the band and can also keep perfect time in conducting the band. While at Madras on the 4th Howard led the band as drum major on the march to the ball grounds.

PRES. YOUNG'S 1ST VISIT HERE

New President of the Oregon
Trunk R. R. Sees Redmond Saturday

President John H. Young of the Hill lines in Oregon, made his first tour of the Oregon Trunk last Saturday. He spent two days looking over the right of way and acquainting himself with the system upon which the Hill interests spent some \$22,000,000.

Mr. Young and other Hill officials arrived at Redmond in their special car between 3 and 4 o'clock last Saturday afternoon and was met at the depot by Mayor Jones and a number of business men of the city. A number of autos were in waiting, and the new Oregon Trunk president was taken for a short ride through the Redmond District.

Mr. Young expressed himself as agreeably surprised at the evidences of prosperity noticed in every direction in this district, and said he hoped to get better acquainted with the people who are making this country blossom as the rose.

From here the party went to Bend.

Bothersome Kids

A number of unruly kids are in the habit of gathering at the post office at mail time and making a practice of turning the combinations on all the lock boxes they can reach. Postmaster Moore has stood for the kids as long as he intends to, and warns them to either behave when at the office or stay away altogether.

Beat It Here

At the wild west show at Bend last Saturday it is stated there were but 600 paid admissions. At the wild west show given in Redmond on June 13th there were 2913 paid admissions—and there you are.

Union Formed

The Spokesman has been informed that a Farmers' Union was formed in this city Saturday afternoon, composed of some of the farmers in the Redmond District.

PIONEER DEPT. STORE

THE STEAM ROLLER

Has been so successfully applied to our peices that economical buyers will find it to their advantage to do their buying of us.

Our grocery stock is complete and prices as low as the lowest.

F. S. Asparagus30c
F. S. Peaches30c
F. S. Clams15c
Cheese, ped lb25c

Head Rice, per lb8 1-3c
Pint Jar Queen Olives.....30c
Goldust, per pkg25c
Pearline, per pkg15c

Shredded Coconut, per lb..25c
Seeded Raisins, per lb ...12½c
Bulk Tea, per lb30c
Dried Apples, per lb12½c

NEXT WEEK SPECIAL

Men's \$4.00 to \$5.00 Oxfords, \$2.45

2 oz. Royal Club Vanila Extract, 21c

EHRET BROTHERS

In the Brick Building

We buy Butter and Eggs

Non-Rustable Royal Worcestter Corset