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City Council Meeting 8-Mill City Tax Levy

The city council met in regular session Tuesday evening. Present, Mayor Clifton, Councilmen Ward, Elkins, Zevely, Noble, Lafollette and Foster.

The minutes of the last regular and special meetings were read and approved after some minor corrections.

W. F. King addressed the council on the importance of having Prineville represented at the Irrigation Congress to be had at Portland January 7, 8 and 9. He stated that Secretary Lane, of the Interior Department, had promised when in Oregon last year that the government would duplicate the amount appropriated by Oregon for irrigation work, but that now, when Oregon had spent \$450,000 on the Tumalo project, the secretary was attaching conditions to his promise that would more than likely result in the withdrawal of the government's \$450,000 unless some hard work was done to convince the secretary of his error. The Irrigation Congress, acting through Oregon's representation at Washington, will undertake the job.

Crook county has several projects that should be urged upon the attention of the congress. One on the west side, the north canal unit, and the Ochoco and Crooked river projects. Mr. King, who will attend the congress as a delegate from the Lower Tax League, said

he was ready to work for any one of these proposed schemes, but he thought the north canal would come nearer fulfilling the government's requirements than any of the others. Work could begin on this unit in ten days if the government's money was available. A strong delegation from this county to the Irrigation Congress was vital. A membership in the congress cost \$5, but it carried with it five votes. The Prineville Commercial club will send delegates and other towns and organizations in the county will do likewise. It was through the representations and influence of the Irrigation Congress that Crook county secured the favorable consideration of the Tumalo project. United effort on the part of the county may secure further development work here. The suggestion was favorably acted upon by the council. The mayor was authorized to name the delegates, which he will do later on.

John Newsom filed a petition for the vacation of some lots and blocks on the bench north of town on the grounds that they were not saleable.

Messrs. Miller and Myers, of the Independent Telephone had a grievance against the Pioneer Tel. & Tel. Co. about the use of poles. After much discussion the companies were given until Friday evening to patch up their differences or the council would settle it for them.

Mr. Shattuck, superintendent of the Deschutes Power Co., presented the rules and regulations of that

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Got His Head Crushed By a Stump Puller

Coroner Poindexter and County Physician Rosenberg were called to Gist Saturday to inquire into the death of H. J. L. Olsen, who was found with the back of his head crushed in on one of C. M. Elkins' ranches.

Olsen had a contract to pull stumps on the ranch and used a stump puller with three horses. The coroner found that a broken clevis had caused the ratchet that holds the lever to slip off. This swung around and caught Olsen on the back of the head, crushing it, and landed on one of the horses, apparently killing it instantly. The machine was attached to an unusually large juniper.

From the appearance of things the accident must have happened the day before, but at what time it was impossible to tell. Olsen did not live on the Elkins place but at his own cabin, so that the man was not missed by anyone. A neighbor while passing near the scene of the accident saw the horse lying on the ground and thinking it might be sick made an investigation. He found that both man and horse must have lain there all night.

Olsen, who was about 27 years of age, has no known relatives in this country. He was buried at Gist. No inquest was held.

Candidate for City Marshal.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of city marshal, subject to the action of the voters of Prineville. 12 T. J. M. RIGGS.

The Deschutes River a Remarkable Stream

Deschutes river, Oregon, a tributary of the Columbia, is one of the unique streams of the United States, says the U. S. Geological Survey Bulletin. Its natural flow is remarkably constant, rising in times of so-called floods only a few inches, owing to the fact that the river flows for a considerable portion of its course through a region of lava and loose volcanic material which acts as a huge sponge.

The headwaters of the river afford reservoir sites so large and so well distributed that the total flow of the river may be utilized both for irrigation and for power. The irrigable lands in the valley, aggregating 300,000 to 500,000 acres, are so situated on a plateau in the upper part of the basin that the total flow of the upper river and its principal tributaries may be utilized for irrigation.

Below the irrigable area the river flows in a deep canyon having a fair slope and affording excellent opportunities for power development. A reliable water supply is assured by the return waters from the irrigated areas above, a large proportion of the water seeping back into the channel, and by the lower tributaries of the river. The future use of this exceptional combination of abundant water supply, large area of irrigable land, and great water powers will transform the Deschutes valley into a region whose

agricultural importance will be enhanced by the many hydro-electric plants that will furnish power for local use or for transmission to distant power markets.

The Deschutes river and its tributaries have been under investigation for several years by the engineers of the United States Geological Survey in co-operation with the state engineer of Oregon, and the Federal survey has just issued a comprehensive report discussing the irrigation and power possibilities of its drainage basin. The investigations of power resources indicate that after allowance is made for requirements of irrigation, a total of 600,000 horsepower may be developed. The report discusses these resources in considerable detail, the discussion being based largely upon records of stream measurements made from 1905 to 1912. To obtain this data gaging stations have been maintained in the Deschutes river basin by the United States Geological Survey and co-operating parties at 35 points on the river itself and its various tributaries, canals, etc. A copy of the report, which is published as Water Supply Paper 344, may be obtained free of charge on application to the Director, United States Geological Survey, Washington, D. C.

For Marshal—John G. Malech
Candidate for city marshal, veteran of the Spanish-American War of '98, deputy sheriff of Woodbury, N. J., one year, resigned 1900. Five years on San Jose Police Department and constable's office. I stand for enforcement of the laws. Partiality to none. 12-3-3t

Light Criminal Docket for District Court

Circuit court will convene next Monday, December 7th, with a very light criminal docket in view, although it is understood the December grand jury will have some matters under investigation that may produce some startling results.

At this date only one person is bound over to the grand jury. That is F. S. McCabe, of Bend, who was placed under a \$1,000 bond by Justice of the Peace J. A. Eastes, of the Bend district, on a charge of robbery from the person. It is charged that McCabe while sleeping on the same pool table in a Bend saloon with a man named Fred Buck, extracted a \$100-bill and some other coin from Buck's pocket. Buck was under the influence of liquor.

There may be some important civil cases on the docket, though it can seldom be determined until court sets what cases on the docket will be ready for trial.

Notice of Stockholders Meeting

The annual meeting of the Central Oregon Livestock & Agricultural Association will be held on the first Monday in January, the 4th, 1915, for the purpose of electing officers and transacting such other business as may properly come before it. The meeting will be held at Commercial Club at 2 o'clock p. m. J. F. CADLE, Secretary. 12-3-3t

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