

KLAMATH COUNTY NEEDED FROM PAYING CASH

Alleged Lavish Expenditures Creating Debt Aggregating \$575,000 Complained Of.

NON-RESIDENTS BRING SUIT

Three Companies, Which Pay Six Per Cent of County's Taxes, Declare Object Is Solely to Put Curb on Extravagance.

A preliminary injunction against the County Court and officials of Klamath County stopping them from paying out \$455,000 on old warrants was granted yesterday morning by Federal Judge Wolverson in the suit of three of the heaviest non-resident taxpayers of the county, who accused the officers of gross extravagance with public funds.

Klamath County is enjoined from paying the old debts until a final decision is made in the case. The suit was brought by the Weyerhaeuser Land Company, the Western Pacific Land & Timber Company and the Oshkosh Land & Timber Company, which own nearly 17 per cent of the total assessed property valuation of the county.

Alleging a violation of the constitutional provision which prohibits any county from incurring indebtedness in excess of \$500,000, the complaint charges that the officials made so many expenditures during a period of two years that the county was set back seven years in the payment of its warrants.

Total Put at \$575,000.

During 1911, 1912 and part of 1913 it is alleged Klamath County incurred a voluntary indebtedness of \$371,000. The warrants, drawing interest at the rate of 6 per cent, increased this amount to \$455,000. Besides this, there is said to be an indebtedness of \$120,000 for involuntary expenditures, such as salaries and regular maintenance. To this amount the three taxpayers' companies offered no protest.

A large part of the voluntary indebtedness was incurred in the construction of a new courthouse, which is not yet completed. Affairs of the county reached such a state, it is declared, that warrants were discounted at 75 per cent of their face value. Unable to do business through their own warrants, it is charged that the County Court discounted some of them, deposited the proceeds in a bank and issued check books to their road supervisors to pay labor bills.

Taxpayers Enter Protest. Protests of taxpayers were followed by the action of the three large property owners, who endeavored to curb the expenditures, but of a total assessed valuation of \$15,000,000 in the county, the Weyerhaeuser Land Company owns \$1,651,287, in 167,855 acres of land; the Western Pacific Land & Timber Company \$27,988 in 4,952 acres, and the Oshkosh Land & Timber Company \$27,534 in 17,187 acres. On the \$455,000 worth of warrants, the taxes of the Weyerhaeuser interests would have been about \$40,000; those of the Western Pacific Company \$12,000 and the Oshkosh Company \$12,000.

These three concerns came together to bring the taxpayers' suit, which was filed last March in the Federal Court here against the County Court, Sheriff, County Clerk and County Treasurer of Klamath County. In the hearing of the application for a temporary injunction yesterday, the County Court was represented by Judge J. R. Webster, the Clerk, Sheriff and Treasurer by Kuykendall and Ferguson, and the principal warrant holders by Stone and Gale of Portland.

"It is not our intention," said Mr. Lyle, "to stop permanently the payment of any indebtedness the county has incurred. We merely want to curb the extravagant expenditure of public money."

Judge's Tenure Doubtful. County Judge Worden, of Klamath County, is named as one of the defendants in the action, and there is some doubt as to whether he is now legally in office. He was elected in 1910 for four years, but at the same election a constitutional amendment was passed increasing the terms of judges to six years. Last November Judge Worden was re-elected on the ballot and he was defeated. It is declared by politicians that his defeat was due largely to the suit brought to stop the expenditures. Whether he is now legally in office will be decided by the Supreme Court.

Other counties in Oregon, it is declared, have in the same way exceeded their legal limit of indebtedness. It has been intimated that the action against Klamath County was merely a salutary effort toward stopping further indebtedness in other counties, but representatives of the plaintiffs would neither confirm nor deny this yesterday.

"The injunction issued is but a temporary order, taken by consent," said Judge Webster. "I cannot say what the next step in the suit will be or when it will be taken, but it will come up in Federal Court at some later time. By far the greater part of the indebtedness complained of in the case of Klamath County was incurred in the construction of roads. The county has done a great deal of work in building roads and bridges and it is good, permanent work, too."

CLEANUP DAY FEBRUARY 12

Mayor Begins Campaign in Co-operation With 'City Beautiful' Move.

"Spotless Town" will be Portland's official slogan and after February 12 if plans outlined yesterday by Mayor Albee are followed by all residents of the city. The Mayor has set that day aside as "clean-up day" and between now and then will conduct a campaign along these lines.

Residents are urged to clean up their premises and vacant lots. The Mayor will co-operate with the "city beautiful" committee of the Rose Festival Association in his campaign.

PERSONAL MENTION.

J. R. Brady, of Detroit, is at the Carlton. H. D. Scudder, of O. A. C., is at the Seward. Floyd Dement, of Bend, is at the Carlton. P. M. Nyasen, of Tillamook, is at the Cornhill. H. T. Botta, of Raymond, is at the Imperial. A. M. Hare, of Bay City, is at the Perkins. E. H. Smith, of Corvallis, is at the Perkins. W. L. Soehrin, of Dallas, is at the Imperial. Dr. J. F. Reddy, of Medford, is at the Oregon. Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCrow, of

Goldendale, are registered at the Cornhill.

M. M. Ross, of Medford, is at the Multnomah. R. M. Richardson, of Salem, is at the Carlton. A. H. Altman, of Pomeroy, is at the Multnomah. W. A. Key, of McMinnville, is at the Nortonia. W. E. Hanson, of Hood River, is at the Cornhill. D. H. Rockwell, of Seattle, is at the Multnomah. J. M. Carpenter, of Los Angeles, is at the Oregon. Mr. and Mrs. N. Devore, Salem, are at the Oregon. I. M. Bishop, of Goble, is registered at the Perkins. Dr. R. A. Matthews, of Spokane, is at the Multnomah. Judge W. F. Darch, of Goldendale, is at the Seward. B. Jensen, of Pendleton, is registered at the Oregon. Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Kimball, of Salem, are at the Nortonia. H. K. Smith, of Newberg, is registered at the Eaton. Mrs. J. A. Wagner, of Spokane, is registered at the Eaton. Charles D. Scott, of Seattle, is registered at the Seward. O. W. Dunn, of San Francisco, is registered at the Eaton. Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Stone, of Klamath Falls, are at the Imperial. Mr. and Mrs. Gray Nott, of McMinnville, are at the Cornhill. Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Ivanhoe, of La Grande, are at the Imperial. Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Eldred, of Clatskanie, are at the Perkins. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Callahan, of Cottage Grove, are at the Carlton. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Grapevin, of the Orpheum, are at the Seward. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Davis, of Spokane, are registered at the Eaton.

CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—(Special).—F. D. Beal, of Portland, is registered at the Auditorium.

CANAL COMMITTEE SET

COMMERCE CHAMBER HEAD PICKS MEN TO PLAN CELEBRATION.

Importance of Cello Waterway is Cited to Three States—Plans to Be Continued Today.

President O. M. Clark, of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, yesterday named Joseph N. Teal, William D. Wheelwright, Harry L. Corbett, L. A. Lewis, A. H. Deyers, Thomas Honeyman and Harry Hahn members of the committee to further a celebration in honor of the formal opening of the Cello Canal, as authorized by resolution introduced by Mr. Teal at the annual meeting of the Chamber, January 13.

The committee will hold its first meeting to organize and outline plans at the Chamber of Commerce rooms at 12 o'clock today.

President Clark and Wallace R. Struble, secretary of the Columbia and Snake River Waterways Association and Port of Columbia Commercial Club, of Astoria, held an informal conference yesterday, in which the steps so far taken by the various communities of the Columbia Basin with relation to the proposed celebration were discussed.

It is planned to make the celebration of such dignity and scope as to command proper state aid by Oregon, Washington and Idaho and the states and British Columbia. The Chamber has already addressed letters to the Governors of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, and the attention of the Legislatures of these states for a nominal appropriation for the expenses of promotion.

"To the Oregonian is due the credit of the first suggestion for a fitting celebration in honor of the completion of the Cello Canal," said Wallace R. Struble yesterday. "In the editorial columns of that paper in 1912 was printed an article outlining the importance and wide-reaching scope of such a celebration. Acting on this hint, the citizens of Lewiston, Idaho, organized in 1912 a committee of 100 under the name of Columbia-Cello-Idaho Waterway Celebration, the purpose of which was to commemorate the completion of the Cello Canal and the opening of the Columbia and Snake rivers to free navigation."

STANDARD LOAF IS AIM

REVISION OF MEASURING SYSTEM TO COME BEFORE COUNCIL.

Provisions Apply to Fruits, Fuel and Other Articles of Common Use as Suggested by City Sealer.

Regulation of the use of berry boxes; abolition of the size of liquid measure for dry goods; establishment of 16 ounces as the standard for a loaf of bread and requiring the labeling of smaller loaves; furnishing of fuel, ice and feed and name of vendor and person making delivery and labeling of wagons and trucks with a sign showing weight of delivery; provisions of an ordinance which has been prepared by City Commissioner Brewster. The measure has been prepared in accordance with recommendations made some time ago by Sealer of Weights and Measures Jones.

At a public hearing Friday at 2 o'clock at the City Hall, the measure will be discussed with those interested. It is expected dealers in many lines of commodities who would be affected by the measure will be on hand to protest against its enactment.

The ordinance as prepared would make it unlawful to sell any berries or small fruits in any manner, except in a bushel, or in a tin or less than one bushel. Berry boxes, the measure provides, shall hold one quart, one pint or one-half pint, standard dry weight. The measure also provides that it shall be unlawful to sell, offer or expose for sale, and dry commodities by liquid measure.

OLD FIREBOAT IN SERVICE

Crew Engaged and Berth Provided for George H. Williams.

With a full crew the old fireboat George H. Williams will be put in service today at the new fireboat station at the foot of Hoy street. A slip berth has been constructed for the boat and temporary quarters have been arranged for the men.

The crew for the boat has been selected as follows: George Johnson, captain; V. Neal, lieutenant; A. N. Gates, master pilot; Harry A. Symes, sub-pilot; John Belcher, first engineer; Clifford Collins, second engineer; Clifford Shaefer, third engineer; Walter Nedvideck, H. E. Reed, H. A. Savoy, W. N. Conrad, George Nelson, Elmer Heath, Pat Murphy, James G. Compton, Irving Carter, Fern W. Calvin, A. T. Martin and William Hammond, hosemen; E. S. Driscoll and A. B. Crow, stokers.

BABE STILL MISSING

Mother Gets Kidnaping Warrant for Lost Friend.

PLOT OVER CHILD CHARGED

Deserted Wife in Search of Work Asks Police to Aid in Recovery of Six-Months-Old Daughter She Entrusted to Woman.

Since no trace has been found of Mrs. Luella Sauer, or Sawyer, who disappeared from the Barber Apartments, 324 Grand avenue, January 13, with 5-months-old Phyllis Corinne Johnson, a warrant charging her with kidnaping has been sworn out by the mother, Mrs. Emma Johnson. Detectives Royle and Moloney have been assigned to the case. Mrs. Sauer is not thought to have left the city.

The disappearance was reported to Mrs. Lola G. Baldwin, superintendent of the women's protective bureau of the Municipal Court, 12 days ago by the mother.

Deserted by her husband and in need of work she could not do and care for her baby, Mrs. Johnson, however, entrusted the baby to Mrs. Sauer. It has been learned that when the mother visited her daughter, Mrs. Sauer informed the neighbors that Mrs. Johnson was her sister-in-law and that the child was her own.

Kidnaping Plan Suspected. Mrs. Sauer, the mother believes, planned the kidnaping when she offered to care for the baby. Upon calling to see her child January 13, Mrs. Johnson found that Mrs. Sauer had moved, leaving no forwarding address. Mrs. Johnson has besieged the women's protective bureau daily. She now is without employment, as her distraction prevented her from working.

Mrs. Sauer has been married twice, though she is only 20 years old, according to police records. Her parents, who live near Grays Crossing, are said to have no knowledge of her whereabouts. She is described as of slight build, 5 feet 2 inches in height, weighing 112 pounds, with dark eyes, dark complexion and reddish-brown hair.

Babe's Dress is Described. The baby is only 5 months old, with blue eyes and light hair. She was last dressed in a white serge coat with a cape trimmed with French knots. At the same time Mrs. Sauer disappeared a Mr. and Mrs. Simmons, friends of Mrs. Sauer, left the Barber Apartments. Mrs. Sauer has been estranged from her husband lately.

Mrs. Baldwin stated yesterday that a kidnaping charge will be severely pressed against Mrs. Sauer, and that leniency would only be recommended upon the immediate return of the baby. The minimum penalty for kidnaping in one year in jail, the maximum 25 years' imprisonment. The fine shall not exceed \$10,000.

ACCOUNTANT HAS REPLY. A. Berridge Says Mr. Ferguson Is to Blame for Costly Audit.

Asserting that J. W. Ferguson, ex-insurance Commissioner, is attempting to shift the blame for the cost of the extended audit system, Arthur Berridge, certified accountant, who audited the books of many of the counties of the state and who was criticized by Mr. Ferguson, declares that the counties audited by him and referred to by Mr. Ferguson as audited at great cost are the largest and most populous counties of the state, and that in comparison with counties of less population, his audit is the least expensive. An auditing schedule was handed him, he asserts, and he was obliged to follow it. If the audit was expensive, the blame, he says, should rest on the office that compiled the schedule.

ROSEBURG CLUB ELECTS. Commercial Body Outlines Work and Campaign of Year.

The Oregon Development League yesterday received notice of the election of new officers for the Roseburg Commercial Club at a meeting on January 15. The Roseburg Club has 250 members, a spacious exhibit building and is practically without debts.

Plans for the coming year include the raising of a larger advertising fund than ever before and an aggressive campaign for the development of Roseburg.

The new officers are: President, Harry Pearce; vice-president, A. J. Lillibridge; secretary, Joseph H. Thompson; treasurer, John M. Throne; trustee, Carl D. Shoemaker, B. W. Bates and A. G. Sutherland.

PAVING DECISION DELAYED. Action on Work Done 11 Years Ago Puzzles Council in \$20,000 Case.

Whether or not wood block paving laid in Albina avenue, from Pace street to River street 11 years ago and worn out several years ago was laid properly is a question for the City Council to decide. None of the work remains. Involved in the case is \$20,000 which the city paid the contractors, pending the decision of a controversy in the courts ever since the work was finished.

At a special meeting of the Council yesterday, Ralph Dunaway, representing the property owners on the street, said the contractors failed to comply with the city's specifications. Property owners both attacked and defended the work. The Council postponed its decision for two weeks.

F. H. NOLTNER'S TRIAL ON ROBBER SUSPECT IS HELD. Man Has Stamps That Are Thought to Be Plunder From Postoffice.

Suspected of having robbed the postoffice at Astoria, Wash., January 15, John Pearson, whose real name is said to be Peterson, was arrested yesterday by Deputy United States Marshal G. E. Jackson. It is charged that Pearson had a quantity of postage stamps which he was trying to sell to a department store.

Postage stamps constituted the chief plunder taken from the Astoria office, which is the most recent postal robbery in this section of the country. Pearson refused to make any statement.

SECRETARIES' JOBS SAFE. Ruling Favors All Commissioners' Employees Except Miss Proulx.

Selection of private secretaries for members of the City Commission from an eligible list prepared by the Municipal Civil Service Board after a recent examination of applicants, must be made in the usual way, according to an opinion written yesterday by City Attorney LaRoche.

As a result of the decision the way is opened for the permanent appointment of all the present secretaries except Miss Elsie Proulx, secretary to Commissioner Birglove. Three persons passed higher in the examination than she and unless they waive their rights Miss Proulx cannot get the appointment.

BANK SUES FOR \$41,000. Second Payment in Lot's Sale Demanded by First National.

Suit for \$41,000 as second payment on the lot at the southeast corner of First and Washington streets, was started in Circuit Court yesterday by the First National Bank against Emanuel May, who last July contracted to purchase the lot for \$35,000. The lot is 75 by 100 feet and the old location of the First National Bank.

According to the complaint, Mr. May paid \$3000 down when the contract for sale was made on July 21, and agreed to pay \$41,000 on November 1, 1914. The last payment of \$41,000 was to be made on November 1, 1915.

CRANLEY OFF TODAY

Belgian Relief Steamer Has Nearly Finished Loading.

VALUE PLACED AT \$43,219

Vessel Takes On Additional Goods at Astoria and San Francisco Before Starting on Trip to Rotterdam—Inspection Made.

The Belgian relief steamer Cranley will sail from Municipal Dock No. 1 today between 10 and 11 o'clock, carrying approximately 3500 tons of foodstuffs. She will complete her cargo at Astoria and San Francisco, her destination being Rotterdam. Oregon contributions to the aid of the Belgians in cash, foodstuffs and clothing amount to \$43,219.26 to date.

The Oregon Belgian relief committee, consisting of Samuel Hill, chairman; Dr. O. J. Griffin, J. Van Hooten, C. Henri Labbe and Joseph Cloiset, paid a formal visit to the Cranley yesterday morning and had the satisfaction of seeing for themselves the result of the work they have carried on during the past two months. Oregon's share of the cargo of the Cranley, in addition to the contributions, was made up by purchases by Theodora B. Wilcox, member of the Commission for Belgian Relief, an international organization with headquarters in London, from funds forwarded to Mr. Wilcox for the purpose.

Contributions were reported by the Oregon committee yesterday as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Cash, Foodstuffs, and various contributions from individuals and organizations.

Previously acknowledged \$12,215.65. Cash: A. Friend, Portland, Or., 2.50; J. A. Havill, Scappoose, Or., 1.00; Through Mrs. D. W. L. MacGregor, Portland, 4.00; Jachetta & Colistro, Portland, 2.00; A. Friend, Portland, 1.00; J. N. Alden, Portland, 1.00; Citizens of Waldport, Or., 6.00. Total: \$13,226.15.

Foodstuffs: Approx. Val. \$25,993.11. E. A. Thurston, Wells, Or., 1 package muslin, 25 pounds, 16.00; Marshall Ward, 63 Kearney street, Portland, 1 package, 10.00; W. Wachin, Stevenson, Wash., 84 sacks flour, 200 pounds each, 16.00; E. V. Lanier, Portland, 1 package clothing, 12 pounds, 10.00; S. J. Roseburg, Or., 1 sack beans, 148 pounds, 18.00; R. G. Scott, Sherwood, Or., 1 sack dried peas, 45 pounds, 2.50; J. E. Banton, Condon, Or., 1 sack oats overall, 10 pounds, 5.00. Total: \$25,993.11.

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