

COUNCILMAN LOCKHART IS PESSIMISTIC OVER CITY AFFAIRS

Municipal Finances Are Going Down, According to His Version.

SACCHI SUGGESTS RETRENCHMENT NOW.

Recorder Upton and City Attorney Farrin Put It up To Council.

"We are going to Hell fast."

This declaration of his view of the financial condition of the city of Marshfield by Councilman Lockhart, chairman of the Finance Committee of the council, last night caused a little sensation in the city council and among the few who were in the audience. Mr. Lockhart in expressing his view of the situation interrupted Mayor Straw who was talking to the council on the necessity of curbing expenses or putting municipal affairs on a better basis. Mr. Lockhart did not go into details, merely emphatically stating his opinion in the terse sentence above quoted and then relapsing into silence while Mayor Straw resumed his talk.

The matter came up later in the session, just a few minutes before the close. The large audience that had marked the early hours of the council meeting, the council chamber and the city recorder's office being filled, had dwindled down to a few, the lull occasioned by the checking of bills causing the majority of the audience to believe that the meeting was practically closed and besides it was getting late, being after 10 o'clock.

City Debt Growing.

It was started by a communication from Councilman Sacchi calling attention to the fact that the city's expenses were too large for the income and that something should be done at once. Mr. Sacchi said that the city's total expenses for 1906 were \$7,329.99, for last year (1907) \$22,004.26, and for the first four months of 1908 about \$8,167.77 or at the rate of about \$25,000 for the present year. Mr. Sacchi said that he did not believe in running the city in debt at that rate and thought that something should be done at once to try and remedy possible needless leaks. In order to start matters, he presented the following communication to the city council: To the Hon. Mayor and City Council.

Gentlemen: I beg permission to present for your consideration the following recommendations on different departments.

STREET—\$226.20 was the amount expended for street repairs during the month of April. I recommend that this expense be cut out, and be either charged to adjacent property or that a special fund be created. I would suggest the enactment of a teamster's license.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT—The average monthly expenses of this department aggregate to \$280, which I believe to be too large and I recommend that it be reduced; also that the city engineer render a report of all surveys and work done every month and make such recommendations of such improvements as in his opinion will be of benefit to the city.

POLICE DEPARTMENT—I believe that the condition of the city today does not need two night watchmen and therefore recommend that the police force be reduced to one Marshal and one night watchman, reducing the expense under this department \$75.00 per month, same now being \$250 per month.

LIGHTS—We are paying too much for light \$285.20 being the amount paid in April. I recommend that that department be looked into with a view of reducing the present monthly disbursements. It appears that some of the lights on which we are paying rent now, were never authorized by the council.

FIRE DEPARTMENT—I recommend that the fire department be required to render to the council a report on the condition of apparatus, hydrants, water pressure and other matters of importance and make re-

commendations of such improvements as in their opinion will be of material benefit, also of the condition of that body as a fire department, such report to be rendered at least every quarter.

RECORDER'S OFFICE—Mr. Squire being practically through with the accounting of the city books it is of the utmost importance that arrangement be made for the continuation and proper handling of that system. I recommend that that duty be placed in the hands of a competent person.

I recommend that an ordinance regulating building construction of any and all size and materials, within the incorporated limit of the city be drafted.

Also that each standing committee make a report of the condition of their department every month.

F. A. SACCHI.

Oppose Reductions.

The proposal to cut down the number of policemen was remonstrated against by Councilman Lockhart and also by Mayor Straw. They said that a city of 5,000 should have at least two night watchmen and one marshal.

Likewise the proposal to reduce expenses in the city engineering department brought forth objections. Councilman Claude Nasburg said that instead of reducing the engineering force, he believed another man should be added. He said that the proposed plumbing and building inspection and the issuing of permits for building would come under the engineer's department and would necessitate a lot of work.

No Grafting Now.

"I also believe that we ought to raise the salaries of some of the city employes," continued Mayor Straw. "In these days of graft prosecution, employes are afraid to steal and can't work as cheap as they used to. If we want good work, we have simply got to pay for it."

"However, there is no mistaking that we are going in debt and should do something. I am in favor of calling a special election to vote \$50,000 bonds to take up these old warrants and get the city on a better basis."

Here Councilman Lockhart interrupted him with the declaration that "We are going to Hell fast."

Mayor Straw continued however and said that if it was agreeable to Mr. Sacchi that his recommendations would be made a special order of business for Monday night.

Upton States Position.

Here City Recorder J. H. Upton said that he wished to say a few words to the city council in relation to the new system of city accounting. He said the new system was all right but the amount of detail work that it necessitated, in addition to the fact that it made the recorder's office responsible for all money received and paid out by the city, made it impossible for him to take charge of it. He said that it would require one man's entire time. He said that the city could not expect something for nothing and if they did he was not going to give it. He said that he was willing to do what he had started to do but no more. He said that it was up to the city council to provide for another man to take charge of the work, one that would be satisfactory to him.

Farrin Threatens to Quit.

When City Attorney Farrin's bill for his quarterly salary came up, Councilman Savage inquired if that was not a little heavy.

"It is just what I have been receiving and if the city don't pay it, I'll quit," said Mr. Farrin.

Mr. Farrin's bill was for \$200 for his regular salary for the first four months of 1908.

The bill was finally allowed.

Lockhart Has Tilt.

The new system of auditing bills resulted in a little tilt between Councilmen Lockhart and Sacchi. The new system requires that the Chairman of the Finance Committee sign all bills, showing that the city really received the goods or work for which they were submitted. Mr. Sacchi called Mr. Lockhart's attention to it and the latter objected.

"Sacchi, when did you get the

DIFFICULT TO CHARTER VESSELS

No Crafts Secured to Take Coos Bay Citizens Out to See Fleet—Discuss Matter at Chamber of Commerce This Evening.

Sec. Lyon closed negotiations late this afternoon to charter the Czarina to take Coos Bay people out to the fleet. Mr. Millis has ordered 500 extra life preservers for the excursion.

North Bend and Marshfield men are encountering considerable difficulty in obtaining vessels to take out parties from Coos Bay to see the fleet when the United States Battleships pass up the coast Tuesday. At press time today, no vessels had been secured. The Czarina will probably be on Coos Bay and Secretary Walter Lyon is trying to arrange to charter

her for the event. President Evans and the committee of the North Bend Chamber of Commerce are trying to do everything in their power to secure a vessel for the occasion.

The matter will be made a special order of business at the meeting of the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce tonight. Secretary Walter Lyon this morning wired Admiral Thomas to ascertain as nearly as possible the exact hour that the fleet will arrive off Coos Bay and hopes to obtain a reply sometime this afternoon.

Mayor L. J. Simpson of North Bend, has asked the permission of the government to use the tug, Columbia to take a party out but has not received a reply.

No program has been announced for the Chamber of Commerce meeting tonight aside from the general discussion of the fleet. Secretary Lyon was absent from the city and did not have time to obtain speakers.

ESCAPE WITH LARGE LOOT

Mounted Bandits Secure \$34,000 From Wells-Fargo in New Mexico.

(By Associated Press.) TRINIDAD, May 15.—Definite information was received here today that the bandits who robbed the Wells-Fargo safe at French, N. M., yesterday afternoon, securing \$34,000, were seen at 3:50 o'clock this morning near Emery Gap station on the Colorado & Southern Railroad, sixty miles south of here, heading for the Cimarron country.

Railroad officials have ordered out a special train with posses. The robbers are mounted. Their capture is expected at any moment.

HARRY THAW STILL INSANE

Experts Testify In New York That it Would Be Dangerous to Release Him.

(By Associated Press.) POUGHKEPSIE, N. Y., May 15.—Dr. Amos T. Baker, the acting superintendent of the State hospital for the criminal insane at Matteawan, testified in the Thaw case that it was his opinion that Thaw is still insane and that it would be dangerous to have Thaw go at large.

Dr. Carlos F. McDonald, another of the district attorney Jerome's experts, testified that Thaw is an insurmountable paranoiac whose confinement is demanded by considerations of public safety.

GANS WINS BOUT.

Negro Defeats Boer at San Francisco in Eleventh Round.

(By Associated Press.) SAN FRANCISCO, May 15.—Joe Gans, the negro, won from Boer Unholz in the eleventh round—here last night. The contest was the lightweight championship.

"I am not giving orders," retorted Lockhart.

"I am not giving orders," said Sacchi, "I am simply —"

"I am not taking orders from you, Mr. Sacchi, or from The Times," interrupted Mr. Lockhart. "I take orders only from the Mayor."

"Cut that out and get busy," said Mr. Straw and the tilt ended.

Mr. Lockhart finally decided to sign the bills but in his haste included one that the council had previously agreed to pass over until the next session.

LADIES of the Baptist church, will hold an apron and cake sale at the Stutsman real estate office on Saturday

INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE SYSTEM PROPOSED FOR COOS BAY CITIES

COURT ENDS AT COQUILLE

Judge Hamilton Adjourns Until June 22d.—Several Late Decisions.

(Special to The Times.) COQUILLE, Ore., May 15.—Judge Hamilton adjourned the spring term of circuit court in Coos county today until June 22, when the case of Holland Anderson, charged with the murder of Mrs. E. S. Gordon in Marshfield, will be brought up for trial. Judge Hamilton immediately went to Roseburg where he will relieve Judge Harris of Eugene, who opened the term there for him.

The grand jury returned a number of indictments, the nature of which will not be given out until the parties are apprehended. Two more were returned against J. C. Wilcox, the North Bend dance hall proprietor, who is now serving a year's sentence.

The grand jury ignored the Plat B difficulties which were brought before that body by Major L. D. Kinney, refusing to return a true bill.

Balm For Widow.

The breach of promise case of Taylor vs. Mills resulted in a verdict of \$300 for Mrs. Taylor. The parties are from Bandon. While Mr. Mills is more than sixty years old and testified that it has been years since he thought of love-making or seeking a wife, the testimony in behalf of the comely widow of forty odd years won her balm in the sum of \$300.

The action begun by J. W. Bennett in behalf of Robert Marsden to compel the North Bend city council to grant Mr. Marsden a license on the ground that the council did not have the right to limit the number of saloons was decided in favor of the North Bend officials.

ROOSEVELT IS UPHELD TODAY

New York District Court Judge Decides Against Dismissed Negro Soldier.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, May 15.—Right of President Roosevelt to summarily dismiss the negro soldiers of the Twenty-fifth United States infantry for the alleged participation in the riot at Brownsville, Tex., was sustained today by Judge Hough in the United States district court in the case of Oscar W. Reid, the soldier who sued the government to recover \$122 as wages due from the date of dismissal to the expiration of his enlistment.

Tulley, D. Branch, Mrs. Hess, E. E. Carl, Miss Glencoe, Wm. McVey, Mrs. Bennett, F. D. E. Laws, C. Boyce, R. Wagner, R. H. Cook, Chas. Ralph, W. Cuberson, M. Knuppenberg and Mrs. Knuppenberg.

Delay Drawbridge.—Judge K. I. Perky and the other owners of Boise addition last evening appeared before the city council in behalf of the proposed Coal Bank Inlet drawbridge. They said that they are not certain yet that they can build the structure now but hope to. The city council ordered the city engineer to prepare plans and specifications for the improvement and will order it at the next session if it is decided to build the drawbridge this season.

F. S. DOW wants good potatoes, call for prices.

We are now prepared to store your goods. Bay Side Paint Co., North Bend.

R. T. Durett Makes Application For Franchise in Marshfield.

HAS SECURED ONE IN NORTH BEND.

Proposes to Interest Home Capital and Cover Four Cities.

R. T. Durett of San Marcos, Tex., is on Coos Bay for the purpose of putting in a modern independent telephone system which will eventually cover Coos county at least. He has been granted a franchise at North Bend, has asked for a franchise in Marshfield and expects to shortly secure franchises in Empire and Coquille. A condition of the franchises is that he shall commence the construction of the telephone systems within ninety days after the franchises are granted and that the systems shall be in operation within twelve months.

His application to the Marshfield city council for a franchise here was made last evening. The franchise is to cover a period of twenty-five years and is in the usual form. Owing to few members of the city council having been apprised of the matter in advance, it was laid on the table until next Monday night when it will probably be granted with possible alterations in the form.

Explains His Plans.

Mr. Durett was present. He presented a letter of introduction from C. L. Hopkins, cashier of the State Bank of San Marcos, Tex., vouching for his financial responsibility. He said that he had been attracted here through correspondence with the North Bend Chamber of Commerce and after investigation believed that there was a field here for a modern telephone system—one that was up-to-date and in keeping with the demands or necessities of growing towns and cities like those found on Coos Bay. He said that the system he proposed to instal was known as the "Flash Light" system, the present plan of calling central by ringing a bell being eliminated. The "Flash Light" system calls "Central" by the removal of the receiver from the hook, lighting a lamp on the switchboard, and the hanging up of the receiver at the conclusion of the conversation disconnects the wire. By the "Harmonic" system, phones on party lines are called by a system of rings which is only audible on the phone of the party called.

One Exchange.

He said that while he had not prepared maps of North Bend and Marshfield, he believed that the telephones of the two cities could and should be operated from one exchange. He believed that the exchange should be located in Marshfield, the North Bend lines being brought here through cables. He said that it was the intention to put in mostly an underground cable system, overhead wiring being used only in the suburbs and thinly settled residence sections.

He also said that it was the intention to interest home capital in the project, a stock company being organized and home men subscribing all of the money needed aside from his personal investment. He said this would keep all of the money earned at home and would prove advantageous to Coos Bay.

Piling Forty-Nine Feet Long.—The first test piling for the foundation of the new \$75,000 Chandler hotel was driven yesterday at the southwest corner of the lot. Hard pan or rock was struck at a depth of forty-nine feet. It is believed that this is the deepest that it will be necessary to go although three other test piling will be driven before the 235 other piling to be used are ordered.

THE following boats will run to Summer for the dance Saturday, May 16, 1908:

Toga will leave Marshfield, 7:15. Sumner will leave Marshfield, 7:15. Special boat from North Bend leaving 7 o'clock, stopping at Marshfield.