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WHEN IS A CONTRACT NOT A CONTRACT?

MAYOR KELSEY has stated that by the advice of the city attorney he disregarded the prohibitory clause of Section 43, of the Gold Hill city charter, which provides:

"No officer of the city, elective or appointive, shall, during his term of office, be interested in any contract, the expenses of which are to be paid out of the city treasury."

His Honor, moreover, is impatient either of argument or criticism. He is a stickler for referring like knotty problems of the law to the city attorney, whom he delights to quote. When asked for an interpretation of this clause, at a public council meeting, Mayor Kelsey declared that he had acted by advice of the city attorney. That such advice had been to the effect that no contract existed in the employment of councilmen at day wage upon city jobs. That he was piously resolved to abide by this splendid exposition of the law.

The session was then autocratically adjourned to spare further discussion.

While treading the devious paths that led to the expenditure of approximately \$2,000 since the deep-schemed inauguration of Mayor Kelsey in July, the city has required the services of two different attorneys to pilot civic affairs along the Kelseized route to a depleted city treasury.

It may be that attorney No. 1 foresaw the inevitable wreck attendant upon such a course, and deserted the vessel to its power-crazed navigators. At any rate he declined to any longer consider the emoluments of office. Exeunt.

The services of Attorney Porter J. Neff, of Medford, were next negotiated for. Attorney Neff is at present the official advisor of the city of Gold Hill. He is the legal representative of the community—not of the council.

Mr. Neff informally deposes, and says: That he has advised Mayor Kelsey on different occasions, since his appointment as city attorney, of the illegality of hiring councilmen on public works. That he has stated explicitly to the Mayor that the provision of Section 43 of the city charter is mandatory, and cannot be construed otherwise than as a direct prohibition.

Mayor Kelsey has just one option open to prevent the general acceptance of his statement as a blundering error of incompetence or straight falsehood. He may produce an opinion from the former city attorney verifying his claims—if he can produce it.

Attorney Neff indignantly repudiates any connection with this absurd contortion of a plain provision.

Does Mayor Kelsey feel sufficiently interested in the civic reputation and the good repute of his administration to produce the legal authorization of his employment bureau for deserving officials?

Or CAN he?

A Citizen's move---

In the name of honesty and economy--

To obtain a sufficient amount of pure water for Gold Hill--

First requisite, a well at the margin of Rogue river, with ample supply of already filtered water.

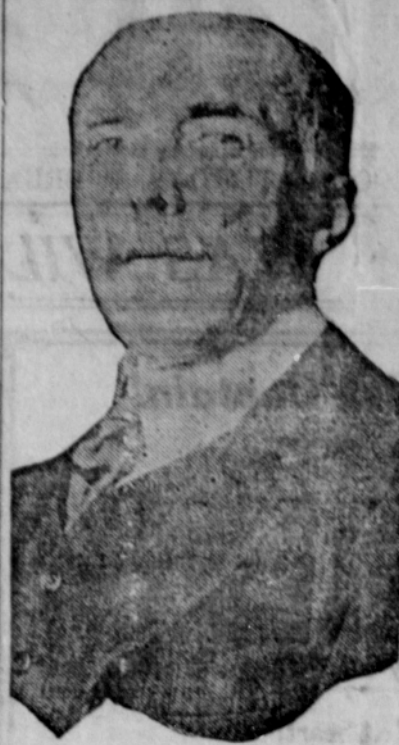
Second, suitable pipe to reservoir; install the pump now belonging to the town, and for the present buy power to run it.

To talk of manufacturing power is suicide.

--Citizen.

ROGUE RIVER, springing to crystal life in the original Garden of Eden, should be perpetually closed to commercial fishing from its source to its finis in the blue Pacific. If, however, the Humes, at the mouth, and Grants Pass, in the middle, are to be permitted liberties with the salmon run, some modification should in justice be made for the remaining water.

WM. C. EUSTIS



William C. Eustis, chairman of the committee in charge of the ceremony to inaugurate Woodrow Wilson President.

Overdrafts (Secured & Unsecured)

B. H. L.

Furnished—To Let

I built me a castle in Spain, as many a fool before, a castle of turrets twain and a ribboned page at the door; and I said to myself, Old sport, we will dwell in this shack until the sable rider reins his steed and summons us over the hill. O many a lackey shall wait our lingering light commands and many a dub shall dig at the slightest wave of our hands, and many a languid maid shall loosen her golden hair and tread us the serpentine to banish the ghost of Care. And night shall be as the day, and every hour shall sing and time shall flutter away as light as the bird awing. And I said to myself, Old top, we will put a jinx on Fate till the sable rider halts his horse hard by the castle gate.

I built me a castle in Spain, and the walls went up apace—but that was ages ago, and Lord, how I hate the place! The maid with the golden hair, she loosened her tresses alight, and they dropped in a heap to the floor, and honest, she looked a fright! And the lackeys ran to wait on my lingering light command, and they shook me down for a tip—a typical pirate band, and the dub that dived at my wave, he struck for a higher wage, and a sport with a bigger roll hired Percy the peerless page. And the days are full of care, and each is long as the night, and nights I am prone to shudder alone 'till morning brings the light. And so in my castle in Spain I glumly sit and await the clump of his horse's hoofs, and the rider's hail at the gate.

Near Neighbors

Kanes Creek

Bad colds and lagrippe are again quite prevalent.

We are glad to say, that Mr. Byerly is greatly improved in health.

Pearl Higinbotham is unable to attend school this week on account of sickness.

Mrs. Chas. Pankey, of Gold Hill, spent Sunday as the guest of Mrs. Higinbotham.

Mr. and Mrs. Cook, of "Garden Row", were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis.

Mesdames Stinebring and Olsen, of Gold Hill, were guests of Mrs. Mardon, one day recently.

John Opp, of Medford, made the Braden mine a short business visit on Monday, returning home in the evening.

Mrs. Lewis recently had the misfortune to cut her thumb quite badly, which will be quite an inconvenience for some time.

Weather prophet Foster predicts that Mr. Groundhog saw his shadow, and if such is the case we will have six weeks more of winter.

Kanes creek business visitors to Gold Hill this week were: Messrs. Lewis, Kirk, Staube, Barker, Martin and Foley, and Mesdames Higinbotham, Marden and Boggis.

Debenger Gap

By Norman Gage.

T. W. Dally, of Trail, went to Medford last Friday, to be at the bedside of father, who is very seriously ill.

Miss Flora Stacy, of Beagle, received a school teacher's certificate last Tuesday from County School Supt. Wells.

Mrs. Mary Cornish, of Philadelphia, Pa., came to the Rogue River Valley last week to visit with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Foster and family.

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Watch for Feed Prices

Lance & Company

Next Week

Jesse Plymire, of the "Willow" ranch, east of Medford, was visiting relatives at the Debenger Gap ranch last Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Hannah, of Debenger Gap, went to Sam's Valley last Monday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Hannah's grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Hodges, who died at Gold Hill last Sunday morning, after a long-lingering illness.

School Notes

(By Vera Davidson)

Pupils who were neither absent nor tardy deserve to have their names appear on the roll of honor.

Roll of Honor for January.

High School: Horton Beeman, Alton Dungey, Elmer Dungey, William Foley, Clarence Van Houten, Agnes Dietrich, Benjamin Haymond, Ernest Lyman, Clinton Walker, Mary Truax, William Kelsey, Richard Morelock, Harriet Hodges, Edna Proctor.

Grades: Clarence Cook, Audrey Britt, Velma Davidson, Blanch Harvey, Virginia Rael, Donald Avery, Leroy Dungey, Creed Haymond, Will Herron, Charles Riedel, Frank Riedel, Theron Pankey, Gladys Haymond, Letty Hodges, Etha Lawrence, Mildred Myers, Pearl Nowels, Ida Starns, Lillian Starns, Vineta Fleming, Leda Harvey, Dolores Kelsey, Myron Anderson, Frankie Carter, Abram Myers, Otis Olsen, Maudie Coy, Kenneth Davidson, Cleo Gilchrist, Melvin Ray, Cecil Roberts, Ina Gardner, Eleanor Huntington, Bertha Coy, Walter Kelsey, Anton Olsen, James Huntington, Melvin Ballard, Gerald Owens, Vernon Fleming, Floyd Darling, John Mc Clendon, Euna Roberts, Linwood Blakely, Evagene Starns, Susan Starns, Gladys Darling, Lottie Fleming, Clarence Shaver, Lyle Olsen, Adith Ballard, Cleon Caldwell, Nellie Dietrich, Holli Davidson, Harold Gardner, Opal Harvey, Howard Kell, May Kell, Yolanda Kelsey, Alton Morris, George Ray, Robert Starns, Lola Coy.

Program for the Athenian Literary Society of the Seventh and Eighth grades, to be given Friday, February 14th.

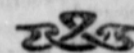
Recitation Velma Davidson
Composition Leroy Dungey
Current Events Pearl Nowels
Solo Audrey Britt
Recitation Mildred Myers
Story on Valentine Day Mary Newton
Newspaper Creed Haymond
Debate, Resolved that School Supervisors should still fill their office.
Affirmative, Donald Avery, and Letty Hodges. Negative, Gladys Haymond and Frank Riedel.

Rev. and Mrs. Richards visited the grades last Friday morning. Mr. Richard gave a short talk to the children.
Miss Norton was absent from school Monday and Tuesday. Mrs. Adams and Blossom Beeman substituted.
Mrs. Mee visited Miss Norton's and Miss Caesar's rooms one day this week.
Miss Hilma Caesar spent the week end with Miss Cynthia Tuttle, at Ashland.
Mesdames Iverson and Harvey called on the primary room Tuesday p. m.
The High School girls met last Friday to discuss a tennis court.
County Superintendent J. Percy Wells visited the school last Friday.
Harriet Hodges was absent from school on Monday.

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