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Showers or snow flurries tonight or Friday.

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MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP OF LIGHT PLANT IS PROPOSED

City Purchases Option on Power Site and Council Is Investigating Matter

WALLA WALLA MAY COMBINE WITH PENDLETON

Assessor C. P. Strain Puts Matter Squarely Up to City Fathers Showing Saving That Can Be Made On Cost of Power.

Does Pendleton want a municipal lighting plant if one is to be had at a reasonable expense? This question was put squarely up to the council last night when C. P. Strain, county assessor and ex-city councilman, acting for himself and several associates, offered to transfer to the city of Pendleton for a reasonable sum one of the best power sites in Umatilla county and volunteered to give an option on the site for a consideration of one dollar in order that the council might make an investigation of the proposition without any expense.

condition and in addressing the council strongly urged immediate action. He cited the cases of the cities of Milton and McMinnville, both of which own and operate their own electric plants and pay big net revenues, and declared the former city had refused an offer of \$75,000 for its \$42,000 plant and would not sell at any price. In support of his contention that power from the proposed plant would probably find a market in Walla Walla as well as in Pendleton, he declared that the city of Walla Walla is at the present time paying to the Pacific Power & Light company for street lights alone, \$16,800. He also pointed out that the amount which the city of Pendleton is now paying annually to the same company for lights and pumping power, more than \$8,000, would pay the interests on the bonds for a municipal plant and leave a margin of a couple of thousand dollars.

Strain Public Spirited. In answer to a question as to how much the proposed power site would cost the city, Mr. Strain read an offer from Howard Evans, in whose name the filing was taken out, declaring that he and his associates would give the city a month's option at a nominal consideration, a nine months' option at the cost of maintaining the filling and would relinquish title for \$15,000. However, Mr. Strain, who is interested in the site, declared the actual cost would be less for he stated that he would give his own interest to the city at its own price and take oath as to the extent of his interest, his only object being to promote an institution that would be of immeasurable benefit to the city.

Presents Many Arguments. In the course of his argument in favor of the proposed plant, Mr. Strain brought out many strong points and a brief summary of them is given below:

LOCATION—Advantageous by reason of proximity to Walla Walla and Pendleton.

LOW COST OF INSTALLATION—Estimated to be only half as much per horse power unit as Pacific Power & Light Co. Low cost due to topography of site and presence of transportation for delivering material.

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PILOT ROCK CITIZENS READY TO FORM A REAL LIVE COMMERCIAL ASSOCIATION

A live, active commercial club is to be born in Pilot Rock tomorrow evening, if plans which have been incubating for some time past hatch out as anticipated. A big, booster meeting has been called, a program prepared and at the auspicious moment action will be taken which will place the little south end town alongside of the many other cities and towns who manifest their civic vigor in the maintenance of an organization, the fundamental purpose of which is to assist in the upbuilding and development of its home community and the exploitation of the opportunities and advantages which this community offers.

thy modern improvement is the new hotel which will be completed and opened to the public by the latter part of next week. It is being built by J. M. Royer, the pioneer hotel man whose old house was destroyed by fire not long since. His new structure would do credit to a town many times the size of Pilot Rock and is destined to make visitors to the south end burg leave with a good opinion of the town for it is a well known fact that all towns and cities are judged more or less by the character of their hosteleries.

The new hotel contains 26 rooms and every one is an outside room. They are so arranged that they can be thrown ensuite and are provided with all of the modern conveniences. All of the work about the new building is being done by Pendleton contractors, the well known firm of Horn & Swanson having the general contract while John Finnell is doing the plastering.

Horn & Swanson have also taken the contract to erect a handsome modern dwelling on the Oliver Knotts ranch near Pilot Rock and will soon commence work.

Besides the construction work which is going on, there are many other indications that Pilot Rock is neither dead nor sleeping but is alive, awake and is just starting upon an era of growth and progress that is bound to make her a factor in the development of Umatilla county.

U. S. MAY BE FORCED TO STOP MEXICAN REVOLT; ATTACK ON CAPITOL PLANNED BY REBELS

Washington, Feb. 22.—The United States government may be compelled to take an active hand in quelling the Mexican rebellion, by reason of the avalanche of appeals for protection from American citizens, as well as reports of French, German and English interests, which today are flooding the state department. Millions in foreign property is endangered because of the activity of Mexican bandits.

Plan Attack on Capital.

Mexico City, Feb. 22.—(Bulletin.)—Emilio Zapata, revolutionists' chief, today issued a manifesto saying he expected to enter Mexico City and take possession by March 15th. The rebels, each day, are drawing closer and President Madero is admittedly worried over the situation. Rebels

Federal Troops Rush to Juarez.

El Paso, Feb. 22.—Orders to rush all available troops in northern Mexico to Juarez were issued to federal commanders today by President Madero. The report says the government troops will intercept 800 Vasquezistas, who are preparing to advance on Juarez. It is said the insurgents plan to make Juarez the provisional capital.

COLD WAVE CAUSES DEATH AND DAMAGE

Worst Blizzard of Winter Sweeps Eastern States.

Chicago, Feb. 22.—Three deaths have already been reported, and scores have been injured in a blizzard which has literally paralyzed business during the past twenty-four hours here. The storm has ended, but it will be hours before normal conditions are restored.

Gotham Suffers.

New York, Feb. 22.—Swept by a gale, which has reached a velocity of 96 miles per hour, New York has forgotten its plans for the Washington birthday celebration and is shivering in the worst blizzard of the winter.

Cleveland Damaged.

Cleveland, Feb. 22.—All railroad schedules have been practically abandoned and business has been brought to a standstill by a blizzard which swept down on Cleveland today. A gale is blowing sixty-five miles an hour, doing heavy damage.

Two Fatalities at Buffalo.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 22.—A blinding snowstorm is raging here, causing two deaths already. Mrs. Anna Hoppe, aged 35, was frozen to death and Michael Ueli was snow blinded and ran down by a train.

1500 Snowbound.

St. Louis, Feb. 22.—More than 1500 persons are snowbound in Missouri and Illinois, on trains, on account of heavy snows.

ASKS PURIFICATION OF CITY SEWERAGE

Purification of the sewage of Pendleton before it enters the Umatilla river is the sanitary measure which C. K. Cranston would secure and before the council last night he urged that steps be taken toward that end. He advocated strongly the installation of septic tanks into which all of the sewage from the city would empty and be purified before being turned into the river, declaring that from an investigation which he had personally made, he was assured that such a plan would prove practicable, not prohibitive in cost and most desirable.

Mr. Cranston declared that under the present system of dumping the sewage into the river raw, the water especially during the summer months when the river is low, is polluted to the extent that it is vile. He stated that many cities throughout the United States have adopted the plan of purifying their sewage and that here in Oregon a number of cities have already taken up the practice, mentioning Medford and other southern Oregon cities in particular. He stated that he had been assured by C. A. Murphy, state representative at the asylum, that should the city install septic tanks, the state would take the same measure to purify the sewage from its local institution.

ONE OUTRAGE AT LEAST NOT APPROVED

Lawrence, Mass., Feb. 22.—For the first time since beginning the big strike at the Textile mills, strikers today were dealt fairly with by the municipal officials, when the mayor decided that neither the militia or police had any right to interfere with the sending of strikers' children to other cities for care, so long as the parents consent is obtained. Several days ago Colonel Sweetzer, commanding the soldiers here, refused to allow any more children to be taken to New York, after several hundred had been removed to the care of strike sympathizers.

GOV'T. OWNERSHIP OPPOSED BY TAFT

Hitchcock's Plan, Regarding Telegraph Lines Is Flayed

Washington, D. C., Feb. 22.—Flatly opposing government ownership of telegraphs, Postmaster General Hitchcock's pet project, President Taft today aired his views on the matter in a special message to congress, submitting a report of the postal commission and approving its recommendations that rates on newspapers and magazines be doubled from one to two cents per pound.

Doubling the second class mail rates, the message said, will cost the publishers from \$7,000,000 to \$10,000,000 more annually than at present. Increased rates, he contends will be only about one-third of the cost of handling the matter.

The message with the report, makes 50,000 words, one of the bulkiest documents that President Taft has ever sent to congress.

Lambasting government ownership, President Taft said: "I cannot agree with the recommendations that the telegraph lines be made a part of the postal system."

"I believe true principles to be that private ownership should carry such public utilities, under due regulation of rates, than that the government itself should conduct them. "I don't think it in accordance with the best public policy to thus greatly increase the body of public servants."

President Taft removes the sting from his message so far as the postmaster general is concerned by wholesome praise of Hitchcock's administration.

In its report, the commission says it costs 4 1/2 cents per pound to carry magazines and newspapers through the mails. This mail embraces two thirds of all the mail matter carried, while it furnishes only five per cent of the postal revenues. The commission is unanimously agreed that a flat rate of two cents per pound would be right.

WALTER PIERCE IS AFTER SENATORSHIP

Walter M. Pierce, owner of Hot Lake sanitarium, and candidate for the democratic nomination for United States senator, is in the city today. He arrived from Portland this morning and is enthusiastic over the outlook in the senatorial race. He is of the opinion that Senator Bourne will be renominated by the republicans and that he will be able to defeat Bourne at the election next November. He is going to make an aggressive fight for the democratic and for the senatorship should he be nominated.

As filed with the secretary of state Mr. Pierce's platform is as follows: "I advocate tariff for revenue only. Government economically administered. Necessities of life on free list. Liberal appropriations for rivers and harbors. Income tax. Liberal policy of conservation. Rational use of public domain. Expenditure in Oregon of Oregon's just proportion of the reclamation fund. Free tolls for American shipping at Panama. Laws giving Americans the privilege of purchasing foreign built ships and sailing them under our flag. Alaska coal fields for the people. Liberal appropriations for agricultural development. Legislation beneficially affecting labor. Imprisonment of trust officers controlling necessities of life. For a greater agricultural, commercial and manufacturing Oregon. The Oregon system."

Washington's Message Read. Washington, Feb. 22.—Washington's birthday was observed by congress today by reading Washington's farewell message in the house and senate. Washington's declaration against a third term was vigorously applauded.

Johnson Turned Down.

Columbus, Feb. 22.—By a vote of 49 to 45 the Ohio Constitutional convention this afternoon tabled a resolution inviting Governor Johnson, prominently mentioned as Roosevelt's running mate, to address it.

ROOSEVELT AND JOHNSON ARE FAVORED BY PROGRESSIVES

Rumor Says Former Chief Executive Will Announce His Candidacy Next Week

PRESIDENT TAFT TO REPLY TO COLUMBUS SPEECH

Insurgent Leaders Loudly Praise Manner in Which Colonel Outlined His and Their Policies---Newspapers Denounce Him As Anarchist.

Taft Will Reply.

Washington, Feb. 22.—It was officially announced today that President Taft will reply to Col. Roosevelt's Columbus speech in a speech he will deliver at Toledo, Ohio, March 8. Taft's decision to reply, followed a conference with his political manager, Hilles. The president will stop at Toledo while en route to Chicago where he speaks March 9.

Washington, Feb. 22.—Theodore Roosevelt and Governor Hiram Johnson.

This combination of east and west progressive leaders here privately admit is their choice for president and vice president on the republican ticket.

It is expected that Colonel Roosevelt will definitely announce his candidacy next week. Governor Johnson speaks at Columbus next week. It is expected by that time that he will be named as a running mate. When he left Columbus last night Colonel Roosevelt said in answer to a direct question, regarding his candidacy: "My hat is in the ring. You will get your answer Monday."

Governor Johnson won't talk. Progressives here are loud in praising Roosevelt's Columbus speech. Congressman Norris said: "The speech was an able and clear presentation of present day politics. Congressman Linebergh, of Minnesota, said:

"Colonel Roosevelt's speech was a confession of faith in the principles for which the progressives are fighting. It presented the right side of the problems which we have been trying to solve."

Has Nothing to Say. New York, Feb. 22.—Colonel Roosevelt arrived home today and said he had "nothing to say" when asked if his remark "my hat is in the ring," meant he is an avowed candidate.

Denounced as Anarchist. New York, Feb. 22.—The New York World and Times both score Colonel Roosevelt's Columbus speech. The World says:

"It is another way of saying that the power of the majority ought always to be absolute and that the minority has no rights which it is bound to respect. It is Roosevelt's formal invitation to revolutionary and anarchy."

The Times says: "Roosevelt's address removes him from the republican party and makes it impossible to nominate him. From beginning to end there is not in it a single republican doctrine, but there is a bold, defiant renunciation of party principles."

Start T. R. Boom in Washington. Seattle, Feb. 22.—At a banquet to be held here tonight, a Roosevelt boom will be launched in Washington. More than 100 prominent progressives have accepted invitations. Mayor Billing will be toastmaster. Rufus Wilson, who managed Senator Poinder's campaign, will manage the Roosevelt campaign in Washington state.

JUDGE W. R. ELLIS



JUDGE W. R. ELLIS ANNOUNCES PLATFORM

Judge W. R. Ellis, former congressman from Oregon and candidate for the republican nomination for congressman from the new eastern Oregon district, has formulated the following as his platform:

Progressive legislation needed to meet present conditions.

Ascertain the facts relative to each tariff schedule by non-partisan board, revise accordingly, equalizing difference between labor cost of manufacture at home and abroad.

Liberal pensions. Federal incorporation. Promotion of irrigation. Early completion of Celilo canal. Election of senators by direct vote.

Conservation that recognizes the (Continued on page eight.)

O. A. C. GLEE CLUB ARRIVES AND WILL GIVE ARTISTIC PROGRAM AT OREGON THEATRE

Zip Boom Bee Zip Boom Bee O.A.-O.A.-O. A. C.

This husky college yell may be heard in Pendleton some time this afternoon or evening while the O. A. C. glee club is here for its performance at the Oregon theatre tonight. Again it is possible the yell will not be heard for the glee club is not out to yell but to sing.

"Dignifying the Industries" is a favorite phrase at O. A. C. and the glee club, under the direction of Professor William Frederic Gaskins, is following it by dignifying the glee club business of the state.

The program which the O. A. C. men will give here this evening is a meritorious one and has brought the organization marked approval everywhere it has been upon its tour. It is an artistic program made up of numbers that will please the music lovers. There are also light and humorous selections but there is no vaudeville and there are no "stunts" reflecting upon other schools. The "Barcarole" from "Tales of Hoffman" is one of the numbers by

the glee club and in connection with this statement it may be of interest to say that Professor Gaskins while in Indiana and Chicago trained Gladys Caldwell and Annabel (Tarlton) Caldwell, who had the soprano roles in the Sheehan opera company which recently gave "Love Tales" in this city.

The O. A. C. Glee and Mandolin clubs arrived on train No. 5 this morning from Baker and so the boys have been able to spend the day in the city. They have a private car which has proven very convenient to them inasmuch as it saves them from the necessity of taking late trains and losing sleep thereby.

Followed by Reception. The program at the theatre is to end shortly after 10 o'clock and following the performance a dance will be given at the Eagles-Woodmen hall in their honor by the members of the Umatilla County O. A. C. Alumni association. Music will be furnished by the United Orchestra and a general invitation is extended to students. (Continued on page five.)