

PARK BOARD IS TO CARE FOR CHAUTAUQUA

Care of Grounds and Buildings is Turned Over to Board by Council

TAX LEVY NOVEMBER 26

Improvement Bonds Ordered Issued, New Constitution Taken Note

After a long discussion, during which two members of the council voiced themselves as being absolutely opposed to the move, the care of the Chautauqua building and the grounds were turned over to the Park Board by the city council, at its regular meeting last night.

At first, Acting Mayor Wright and Councilman Wiley declared they were not in favor of the move, since they were under the impression that the council and the mayor had no authority over the park. However, when it was explained to them that at any time, if the council was dissatisfied with the manner in which the Park Board was caring for the building and grounds, the council could take the care into their own hands again, these men voted in favor of the action.

Frank Jordan, chairman of the Park Board, declared that the board was not anxious for the job, but they believed they could carry on the work more economically than could the council, with a separate organization.

After a short discussion and the reading of the budget, the council and seven citizens, forming a budget committee, passed the budget. The preliminary work had been done in executive session, before the council meeting opened, in order to save time.

The hearing on the tax levy was then set by Acting Mayor Wright for Thursday, November 26, and the budget was ordered published in the Ashland Tidings.

V. V. Mills appeared before the council, urging the resurrection of a petition presented some time ago in which it was requested that Scotch Drive be opened from Strawberry Lane to Granite street, and thus complete the loop. Mills stated that several residents of that section were desirous of building, but would not do so until the street was opened. No action was taken, however, by the council.

The Mayor and City Recorder were authorized to sign a deed, transferring the title of a triangular parcel of land, on C street, to Ira Reeder. Mr. Reeder agreed to pay for the street improvements surrounding the tract, in return for the title.

The issuing of \$932.90 in improvement bonds, to cover the Bancroft act provisions on the sidewalks on Alida street was authorized.

Bills amounting to 6,582.81 were ordered paid, after being authorized by the finance committee. The California Oregon Power company bill was also ordered checked over by C. A. Malone, superintendent of the city light department.

H. C. High, newly appointed councilman, succeeding R. E. Detrick, resigned, was sworn in to office and took his seat for the first time last night.

Mayor O. H. Johnson was ill and unable to attend the meeting last night. The meeting was presided over by W. M. Wright, chairman of the council.

Leader of Rum Runners Dies Result of Fight

ASTORIA, Nov. 4.—(U. P.)—Robert (Curly) Graham, the alleged leader of a bootleg fraternity operating throughout the Northwest, died at St. Mary's hospital here this morning, as the result of a stab wound, received in a drunken brawl which was staged on the waterfront here Sunday night.

The "show" officials today are following the meagre clues furnished by Graham before he died. He refused to give the details of the fight, saying that he would "settle up" with the other fellow when he got out of the hospital.

Sheepman Sleeps All Night With Dead Man

REDDING, Cal., Nov. 3.—(U. P.)—A sheepman of Red Bluff, slept all night with a dead man last Saturday night and did not know it. Martin said William Sutherland, a herder in his employ, retired together on Saturday night. Martin rose today morning and called Sutherland to the meal. He only to find him dead. The coroner determined that he had been dead 10 hours.

SCHOOL BUDGET THIS YEAR IS \$65,000.00

About Same Amount Needed This Year as Last Says Board

The school budget for the city of Ashland will be but slightly higher than last year, according to members of the board of education, who prepared the budget last evening. The total amount to be raised by tax levy this year will be \$65,916.50. Included in this amount is a sum of \$5,000, set aside by the members as the interest on the \$105,000 bonds which were voted for the construction of the new school buildings in the city. These bonds have not as yet been sold, but this amount was set aside for interest to be paid after they are sold.

A sum of \$15,000, payment on the \$105,000 debt is also set aside, but this amount was voted by the people at the school election, and therefore cannot be considered an increase in operating expenses.

The remainder of the amounts throughout total about the same as last year, so that there will not be more than \$2,000 difference in the operating expenses over last year. Salaries of teachers form by far the larger part of the total amount needed. A total of \$54,150 will be needed to pay these salaries.

The total amount needed to operate the schools this year will be \$95,256.50, while the expected income has been set at \$27,340.00. This income comes from county school tax, the state elementary tax, state school tax, cash tuitions and other such sources.

DECREASE IS APPARENT IN PARK REPORT

A total of 469 automobiles, carrying 1402 passengers were registered at the auto camp grounds during the past month. Of the 469 autos, 38 remained two days or more. These figures were contained in the monthly report of the auto camp attendant, to the camp board last night.

These marks indicate a slight decrease in comparison with the 1924 figures. During October, 1924, 555 cars were registered at the camp, carrying 1603 people. Of these 57 were holdovers.

Comparisons may now be made between the years of travel. Frank Jordan, chairman of the park board said, since it has been just a year since a set of books was opened at the camp. More shelters are needed, the report shows, since many people move on to other camps when they learn that they cannot secure adequate shelter facilities, especially during the winter months.

ALLEGED ROBBER IS FOUND NOT GUILTY

NANAIMO, B. C., Nov. 4.—(U. P.)—A jury early today found Ross C. Watson, ex-Seattle detective not guilty of participating in the Royal Bank robbery several months ago, when \$45,000 was taken.

First Photo of Most Disastrous Train Wreck in Recent Years



When the "Sunland," crack flyer of the Frisco Railroad, jumped the rails and plunged down a 40-foot embankment near Victoria, Miss., 19 persons were killed and more than 60 injured. This remarkable picture shows a group of rescue workers on the second Pullman trying to pull one of the wounded passengers out through a window. The train was traveling about 55 miles an hour at the time and this speed caused one car to be hurled nearly 75 yards from the track. The under-structure of this car can be seen in the adjoining pasture.

FEW CASES IN CITY COURT IS FROST'S REPORT

Total of \$169 Outstanding in Fines Not Yet Collected

Fines in the city court during the past month amounted to \$125, and one jail sentence was handed out by City Judge G. M. Frost, who made his monthly report to the city council last night.

Of the \$135 in fines assessed, \$35 was collected in cash. A \$100 fine, which was assessed against the defendant receiving the jail sentence, is now being paid at the rate of \$10 per week. Frost's report showed.

At the first of the month, there was \$80 in uncollected fines outstanding, Frost said.

Of this amount, \$11 has been collected during the past month, leaving a balance outstanding on fines assessed prior to October 1, of \$69.

With the \$100 fine still outstanding on the October fines, there is a total outstanding of \$169.

But four cases were brought before the city judge during the past month, the report shows.

Tammany Again Rules the Roost in New York

By The United Press
After weeks of wrestling with issues ranging from prohibition and the Ku Klux Klan to the grade crossing evil and crime waves, the American electorate emerged in many states today from heated off-year elections.

New York state apparently took the greatest step yet made to eliminate dangerous crossings, the citizens having authorized a loan of \$200,000,000 to wipe out these interferences of death.

New York gave Tammany complete authority in the municipal government, by electing James Walker mayor.

After a hot "wet and dry" campaign in New Jersey, A. Henry Moore, a "wet" Democrat was elected governor over State Senator Arthur Whitney, a "dry" Republican.

In several scattered localities, the Klan issue entered the lists, only to be whacked soundly on the head in the majority of cases.

AMERICANS WANT SHIPS AT BEIRUT

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4.—(U. P.)—The United States destroyers Lamson and Coughlan at Alexandria have been requested by Paul Knabenshue, American consul at Beirut, Syria, to proceed to that port as a precautionary measure. Knabenshue said there was no acute danger at Beirut, but that he felt the situation was uneasy.

BYLLESBY CO. IN CONTROL CALIF. OREGON POWER CO.

That Eastern capital is being attracted to this section of the Pacific Coast is evidenced by a most important announcement just issued from the office of Paul B. McKee, First Vice President and General Manager of The California-Oregon Power Company in the shape of a letter addressed to the preferred stockholders, stating that H. M. Byllesby & Company have joined with the Copco interests in the control and operation of this local utility. The letter reads as follows:

"To the preferred stockholders of the California Oregon Power Company:
"It gives me great pleasure to announce that the common stockholders of your company have effected an exchange of securities whereby our interests will join with the interests of H. M. Byllesby & Company, who are well and favorably known throughout the United States as public utility operators, engineers and financiers.

"I am authorized to state that the plan contemplates a continuation of your Company in its present corporate form. The policy of constructive expansion of the business and of the development of the territory served by the Company will be continued on an enlarged scale which will be made possible by the joining together of the resources and energetic and loyal organization of your Company and those of the H. M. Byllesby & Company.

"The arrangement offers the members of the Company's organization greater opportunities for advancement in their respective fields of endeavor, and undoubtedly will tend to strengthen the present high value and good marketability of your Company's stocks and bonds.

"The sound public policies and relations of your Company will be zealously guarded and expanded through the connection with the larger Company whose similar policies have made for its nation-wide success and popularity.

It is understood from Mr. McKee and his associates in the Copco organization that they believe this arrangement will be of great benefit to the organization and will have the effect of bringing to the assistance of the present Copco group the nation-wide utility organization and financing abilities of the Byllesby Company.

The Byllesby management has authorized Mr. McKee to state that they propose to carry on the active program of development which has been initiated by the Copco people and that it is probable that this program will be expanded because of the enlarged financial resources which will now be marshalled for the benefit of this property as a result of this arrangement. Byllesby & Company have long enjoyed a splendid reputation as expert engineers, financiers and utility managers. The company was organized in 1902 by the late Colonel H. M. Byllesby, who had a remarkable career as a pioneer in the utility business, reaching the vice presidency of the Westinghouse Electric Company at the age of twenty-six, and thereafter spending many years as a pioneer in various utility enterprises in Oregon and Montana. The company was established primarily as an engineering concern but the activities of H. M. Byllesby & Company soon acquired a much broader scope and within a few years the firm became prominent in the financing, designing, construction, operation and management of electric and gas companies. A large staff of experts was gathered and maintained, who are specialists in all phases of public utility administration, engineering, construction, financing, legal, operation, commercial, and advertising. Since the organization of the Byllesby Company many utility properties have been purchased, reorganized, financed and developed. The matter of public relations has been handled with remarkable success and the Company was one of the first to adopt the now widely-known customer ownership policy of financing. The management has, from the first, been conducted along broad lines, and its reputation for fair dealing, both with respect to the public and the members of its organization, is in evidence in all of the many properties in which the Company is interested. The Byllesby Company is already well known on the Pacific Coast, being interested in the Mountain States Power Company in Oregon and Washington, and in the Western States Gas and Electric Company, Coast Valleys Gas and Electric Company, Sierra and San Francisco Power Company and the San Diego Consolidated Gas and Electric Company in California.

P. H. BELL IS OUT OF STATE PRISON
SALEM, Nov. 4.—(U. P.)—Percy H. Bell, former cashier of the defunct Gold Hill state bank, was released from the state prison on October 24, on a commutation of sentence, granted by Governor Pierce, reducing the sentence from ten to two years. It became known today. The state parole board recommended the action.

OVER \$9,000 IS SAVED TO CITY BY LIGHT DEPT.

Saving Effected by Decrease in Power Purchased and Larger Earnings

More than a thousand dollars per month has been saved in the operation of the electric light department over the operating expenses of the first nine months of 1924, according to figures in the quarterly report, submitted to the city council last night by C. A. Malone, superintendent of the electric department.

The saving for the third quarter, was \$4,393.72, the largest saving during any one quarter of the year, and more than twice as large as the saving during the first quarter.

A decrease in current purchased from the California Oregon Power company resulted in the largest saving. Malone's report shows. In 1924 the city purchased, during the third quarter, 648,000 kilowatt hours from the company, while in 1925 but 375,534 kilowatt hours were purchased. In 1924, \$6,291 was paid the power company for this power, while this year, but \$3,985 was paid to the power company.

The report follows:
Revenue from sale of Electric Current, 1924, \$14,750.55; 1925, \$16,361.85; increase, \$1611.30.
Kilowatt Hours purchased from C. O. P. Co., 1924, 648,000; 1925, 375,534; decrease, 272,466.
Amount Paid C. O. P. Co., for electric current, 1924, \$6,291.00; 1925, \$3,985.58; decrease, \$2,305.42.
Increase in earnings, \$1611.30
Saving in electric current purchased, \$2305.42; saving in Power Plant operation, \$477.93.
Net increase for 3rd quarter, 1925, \$4,393.72.
Net increase for 1st quarter, \$2,033.66; net increase for 2nd quarter, \$2,762.33; net increase for 3rd quarter, \$4,393.72. Total increase (9 months) \$9189.71.

Two Killed in Explosion of Powder Plant

TACOMA, Nov. 4.—(U. P.)—Two men were killed and four others seriously injured here today, when a dynamite cartridge plant of the E. I. DuPont De Nemours and Company blew up at Du Pont, ten miles southwest of here.

The loss is estimated at \$8,000, officials of the company assert. The dead are Albert Barnikan, 41, of Du Pont; Thomas McDaniel, 45, of Tacoma. Edwin Jensen, Walter Smith, Nicholas Darcy and Edward Wheatley were badly cut by flying glass. Barnikan was single, while McDaniel is survived by a widow and five small children.

Police Officer Sentenced for Reckless Driving

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 3.—(U. P.)—Police Judge Joseph Chambers today demonstrated that he will not tolerate reckless automobile driving on the part of police officers. Accordingly, when Officer S. Boardman of Manhattan Beach appeared for sentence on a reckless driving charge he was given 30 days in jail and a fine of \$250.

LOCAL DAIRY OWNERS HAVE FINE CATTLE

F. B. Poyer of the Rogue River cow testing association, had the honor high grade herd among the eight cow testing associations of the state, during September, according to figures contained in the monthly report of the Extension Division of the Oregon Agricultural college.

Mr. Poyer had a herd of nine cows, which produced an average of 891 pounds of milk, each containing 45.98 pounds of butter fat during the month, the report shows.

J. R. McCracken, also of the Rogue River Association, had the honor high pure bred herd, with nine cows which produced an average of 891 pounds of milk each, containing an average of 43.59 pounds of butter fat.

In the August report, Mr. Poyer placed second in the high grade class, with seven cows producing an average of 883 pounds of milk and 45.75 pounds of butter fat.

Mr. Poyer, who resides on Wightman street explained that during the spring months, the coast county associations usually finish at the top of the list, since in that section they freshen their cattle throughout the year, thus maintaining an average which usually runs very high.

Mr. McCracken is a dairyman of the Valley View district.

OPERATORS OF TAXIES MUST PAY LICENSE

Operators of taxicabs in this city who have not as yet paid their yearly license of \$15, will be arrested and brought into court at once. Chief of Police McNabb last night was instructed to take this action, following the refusal of two taxi operators, operating three taxies, to pay the license fee.

The operators declare that they receive no protection by the payment of the license fee and that many people operate taxies occasionally for a short time, thus injuring the property and rights of the regular operators.

However, City Attorney Briggs gave as his opinion last night that the tax was an occupancy tax and not a regulation tax, being assessed against the operators for the use of the streets of the city, and not in regulating the use of taxies.

\$64,000.00 MARK SET BY BUDGET MEN

Almost Half of Entire Amount to go Toward Bonds and Interest

STREETS TO GET \$6,362

Every Expense Cut to Bone in Order to Keep Tax Levy Within Limits
With every department expense cut to the bone, there still remains \$64,000.00 to be raised by tax levy in order to supply the needs of the city of Ashland during the coming year. This figure was the mark submitted by the budget committee last night, after several long conferences with the various city officials and the members of the finance committee of the city council.

Estimates submitted by the heads of the city departments were pared down by the members of the committee, in order to keep the tax levy as low as possible, and it is felt that now every department will be operating as cheaply as is possible and still remain within the bounds of efficiency.

The most costly city department, according to the budget figures, will be the bond and interest department. For this department, almost half of the total budget has been set aside, or a figure of \$31,190.50. Of this amount, \$15,067.50 or almost half the total is for interest on the various city bond issues, while \$1,100 will be appropriated to take up a shortage in the years funds.

Regular bond redemption funds totaling \$3,000 have been allowed for in the budget, while a new department, the general bond sinking fund, with an appropriation of \$7,000 has been formed. This new department will be used in paying off the \$170,000 auxiliary water bonds, which are every year drawing \$8,500 interest. When this bond issue has been retired, the money accumulated in the fund will be used in retiring additional city bonds.

The general department is the next most costly department, a total of \$12,598.50 being necessary to finance its operations during the next twelve months. Of this amount, \$5,135 will be used for the operations of the police department, while the remainder will be used in financing the salaries of the city officials, the supplies for the recorder's office, street lighting, city hall expense and various other expenses of like nature.

But \$5,262 will be expended by the street department this year, \$3,085 of this amount going for labor and materials. The Library department will expend \$4,041, while \$4,141.15 will be appropriated for the park. The expenditures in the park operation this year will be \$11,141.15, but \$7,000 of this amount will be received from park receipts, most of which will come from

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Timber Sales in Crater Forest Set New Record

During the three months from July 1 to December 30, the Crater National Forest totaled \$132,411.78 in timber sales and grazing fees, an amount which exceeds its nearest rival, Whitman forest, with a total of \$45,567, three times, and which exceeds last year's income by several thousand. Sixty million feet is a conservative estimate of the entire amount of timber sold.

In addition extensive sales of lodge pole pine for railroad ties are also being made in the forest, paving the way for other national forests of Southern Oregon to follow. Lodgepole, as a rule, does not attain great size at maturity. To be fit for use as ties the trees must have a diameter of 11 inches.

Of the \$132,411.78 received, Jackson, Klamath and Douglas counties in which the forest is located, will receive 35 per cent of the total. Ten per cent will be used for road work within the forest and the remainder will be put in the United States treasury.