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## MAYOR TENDERS RESIGNATION

### COUNCIL LAYS IT ON TABLE

Action Will Be Taken at Meeting on Next Tuesday Night—Another Fire Limits Ordinance is Ordered Drawn by Attorney.

At the special meeting of the City Council last night Mayor U. C. Coe handed in his resignation, which was a simple announcement that he resigned. The council postponed acting on the resignation until next Tuesday night when the regular March meeting will be held. The resignation was laid on the table until that date.

A petition was received asking for the opening of Fifth street through Lytle and making it 60 feet wide. The matter was discussed and referred to Chairman Spencer of the committee on street work, who was instructed to confer with property owners and inform them that if they would agree to dedicate a strip of property necessary for the widening of the street the city would proceed to open the street as provided in the charter.

The city engineer was ordered to make a survey from Wall street to Fir avenue along the line of Nevada street and Greenwood avenue and to give estimates of the cost of opening and grading Nevada street.

The ordinance relating to the use of high explosives in the city was submitted by the city attorney, but action on it was postponed. E. A. Bather was given a permit to blast for his new building and Leon Fuiks for blasting on lot 8, block 2. A bond of \$1000 was required of each.

A new sidewalk ordinance providing for the laying of cement or concrete walks in front of new buildings was ordered drafted.

### Fire Limits Ordinance.

The fire limits question, which was taken up by the council last fall and none so far with as to have an ordinance drafted and read the first time, was again considered last night. It was stated that some of the business men who had opposed such an ordinance at that time were in favor of it now. The city attorney was instructed to draw up such an ordinance.

### MEET IN AUGUST

Date Set for Development League Men to Gather.

The next meeting of the Central Oregon Development League will be held at Lakeview August 30-22.

This date was fixed by a conference of representatives of the Lakeview Commercial Club, the Oregon Development League and the Central Oregon Development League. Plans are being formed to bring 400 business men from Portland and other parts of the state to Bend by rail and thence to Lakeview by automobile, returning via Medford. Plans are being made to make the Lakeview meeting memorable.

### INCREASE IN BEND POSTAL ALLOWANCE

Senator Bourne Secures Larger Appropriation for Clerk Hire Here, Effective on March 1.

Postmaster Minor was notified by a letter from Washington last night that an increased allowance had been granted the Bend postoffice, effective March 1. The appropriation is for clerk hire. The matter was taken up with Senator Bourne by Postmaster Minor and The Bulletin, and in reply Mr. Bourne wrote the postmaster as follows:

"Upon receipt of your letter of February 12th I took up with the Postoffice Department the question of increased allowance for clerk hire for your postoffice and am now in receipt of a letter from the First Assistant Postmaster General advising me that an order has been issued increasing your allowance for separating clerk hire from \$180 to \$326 a year, effective March 1, 1912. This is in addition to allowance of \$300 a year for regular clerk hire and commissions on money orders. An investigation by a postoffice inspector will also be requested to ascertain whether the unusual conditions existing at your office entitle you to an additional allowance for clerk hire. I trust this will be satisfactory."

"I received a communication from Mr. Hoffman of The Bend Bulletin requesting increased appropriation for postoffice clerk hire, and am sending him a copy of this letter for his information."

### SALARIES ARE FIXED

School Board Decides on Amounts It Will Pay Next Year.

At a meeting of the school board yesterday, the matter of election of teachers for the year 1912-13 was taken up and discussed. The following salaries were fixed upon for the year, any deviation depending upon the tenure of position and efficiency: Primary, \$75; grades 2 to 7, inclusive, \$70; 8th grade, \$50; assistants in High School, \$75 to \$90.

Election will take place on March 14. All teachers desiring re-election should file application with the clerk as soon as possible as the list will be gone over and the principal asked to make recommendations. No application will be considered unless accompanied by credentials showing applicant to be a qualified teacher in Crook county.

Prof. Shouse was requested to re-apply for the position he now holds.

## REDMOND HAS \$16,000 FIRE

### SPOKESMAN NEWS-PAPER PLANT BURNS

Hardware, Grocery and Bakery and Second Hand Stores Destroyed Also—Lamp Tipped Over Sets Can of Turpentine in Store.

The newspaper plant of the Redmond Spokesman, a hardware store, grocery and bakery and second hand store were destroyed by fire in Redmond Monday night. The total loss is \$16,000, with insurance of \$9,000 carried.

The fire started about 10 o'clock in Maher's hardware store. A lamp was tipped over and exploded, setting fire to a can of turpentine. The fire fighters were unable to cope with the flames, and in an hour and a half the four business places had been wiped out. It was with much hard work that the Oregon Hotel, on the same side of the street, and the Hotel Redmond, across the street, were saved from destruction. Both were damaged to the extent of about \$500, as were other building near by to a less degree.

The heaviest losers are H. H. and C. L. Palmer, owners of the Spokesman plant. Their entire outfit was destroyed, the total loss being \$4500. Insurance amounting to \$3200 was carried.

With the addition of new machinery the past few months, the Spokesman was a well equipped newspaper shop. A Junior linotype machine was installed less than two months ago. Editor Palmer stated to The Bulletin over the telephone yesterday that they would at once purchase a new plant and continue to publish the Spokesman. He said that a Model 10 linotype like The Bulletin's would be bought. The Spokesman will use the press of the Hub until its new plant is received, having part of its type set by The Bulletin.

The other buildings destroyed were: Hardware store of E. Maher, Hobb's Cash Grocery and bakery and a second hand store.

### TO ELECT MANAGER

Important Meeting of Commercial Club Tomorrow Night.

A special meeting of the Commercial Club has been called for Thursday, Feb. 29, at 8 p. m.

The principal object of the meeting is to discuss and decide the question of employing a new manager to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of J. E. Sawhill. This is a matter of vital importance to everyone interested in Bend's welfare and all are urged to attend, whether club members or not.

## BUILDING BIG CANAL

### FIRST ARTICLE ON PANAMA

History of This Mammoth Undertaking—French Company Falls and Sells out to the United States Government For Big Sum.

By GEORGE PALMER PUTNAM.

As the Panama Canal will do more for the Pacific Coast states than for any other territory, it is natural that the people of the Coast should be particularly interested in its progress. The series of brief articles concerning the Canal, of which this is the first, will attempt to give a picture of the canal construction operations as they are today, and to forecast what the results of the opening of the big ditch will be, especially as far as Oregon is concerned.

### History of the Canal.

The idea of a canal across the Isthmus of Panama, or Darien, as it was called originally, dates back practically 400 years. Indeed, next year, 1913, when the canal will be completed, will be just 400 years after the date when the first white man crossed the Isthmus.

In 1513, Balboa, a Spanish explorer, or "conquistador," as they were called, discovered the Pacific, seeing it for the first time from the top of a hill probably about 100 miles south of the present canal. A year later his slaves transported three vessels across the Isthmus on their backs, piece by piece, and set them up again in the waters of the Pacific. That was the first time a ship ever crossed the American continent. Next year hundreds will take a similar journey, only they will pass through the canal instead of being borne on the backs of Indian slaves and Spanish adventurers.

After Balboa had opened the way, the Spaniards made a highway of the Isthmus. All the treasures of Peru and the west coast of South Africa were carried across the narrow strip of land on their way to Spain. The country was horribly unhealthy, and the trip across became more and more difficult as the traffic increased. During this time, and up to the advent of the French company that actually began digging a ditch, there were canal schemes galore.

Finally, in the late seventies, one of these schemes came to a head, and a French company, headed by Ferdinand de Lesseps, who had directed the construction of the Suez Canal, took hold.

### French Company Falls.

After several years of work on the Isthmus, the Frenchmen got deeper and deeper into difficulties. The engineering problems proved far greater than was at first estimated; the sanitary conditions were heart-breaking, and yellow fever and other diseases played havoc in the ranks

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### KILL BIG COUGAR.

Ernest Luthy and Billy Hansen brought to town last week the pelt of a big cougar which they killed in the Paulina mountains southeast of Bend. The destructiveness of this animal to other wild creatures is shown by the fact that the carcasses of a number of deer which had recently been killed were found in the cougar's trail. The hide was sold to Roscoe Howard of Deschutes.

### HEADQUARTERS FOR TOURIST TRAVEL

Bend Will Be Center for Many Side Trips of Interest This Summer. Autos to Handle Passengers

During the coming summer Bend will be made the headquarters for a large tourist travel to points of interest in Central Oregon. An auto company, known as the Bend Tourist Auto & Stage Co., with E. R. Post as agent, has been formed to handle the travel. Five cars will be operated to points south of here and to all the places of interest that can be reached from here. These include Crater, Odell and Paulina lakes, Crane Prairie, Spring River, the fish traps, Tumaio Falls, the ice and other caves etc.

Special attention will be paid by the company to carry passengers to Lake and Klamath county towns, cars being operated to La Pine, Crescent, Fort Klamath, Klamath Falls, Silver Lake, Summer Lake, Paisley, Lakeview and other places.

In order to reach the Christmas Lake and Peter Sink countries in Lake county—districts that are already settled up and improved—a new route will be opened. This will be by way of Pine Mountain. The Bend-Burns road will be followed nearly to the 21 milepost, and then an old road running around and south of Pine Mountain, which will be put in shape for auto travel. This road will go to Cliff, opening up and making tributary to Bend a large and fertile territory.

Cars will be put in daily operation as soon as the roads are put in good condition.

### BACK FROM PANAMA

Mr. and Mrs. Putnam Arrive After Central American Trip.

Sunday night Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Putnam arrived in Bend and immediately moved into their new house in Park Addition, near the Lara residence.

The Putnams came to San Francisco by the water route from New York, via Panama, on the way visiting in Central American republics as well as the Panama Canal. Mr. Putnam doing correspondence work upon this territory for The Portland Oregonian and other papers. Owing to accidents they were detained in Guatemala and so did not reach here until over a month later than they had expected.

### AGRICULTURIST IS COMING.

C. L. Smith, agriculturist of the O. W. R. & N. is expected in Bend on Friday to spend a week conferring with the farmers of this community. He will study the farming conditions and may be secured to deliver an address before he leaves.

## SEWER PLANS WILL BE MADE

### CHICAGO MAN TO DO THE WORK

City Council Accepts the Proposal of R. E. Koon for Engineering Services for Bend's Proposed Sewer System—To Give Cost.

By unanimous vote, the City Council last night accepted the proposal of R. E. Koon, of the engineering firm of J. B. and R. E. Koon, of Chicago, covering the engineering services required for the design and construction of the proposed sewerage system for Bend.

Mr. Koon, who has been here several days looking over the situation, will give his personal attention to the work. He will draw preliminary plans, make estimates of the cost of the system and report in detail on the project. Final plans and specifications will also be made, and Mr. Koon will advise and assist the city in awarding contracts, and during the construction he will personally supervise the same.

The city reserves the privilege to appoint a consulting engineer to go over and criticize the work of Mr. Koon before it is accepted by the city and paid for.

Payment 4 Per Cent of Cost. Regarding payment for services, the agreement reads:

"I agree to accept a sum equal to 4 per cent of the cost of the work as evidenced by the contractor's bid or the cost as determined upon completion of the work, of which amount a sum equal to 1 per cent of the estimated cost of the completed system will be paid to me upon the completion of the final plans and specifications. The remaining 3 per cent of the cost to be reckoned on the work as it is constructed and paid for in as many monthly installments as the contractor is given time in which to complete the work."

Mr. Koon stated to the council last night that he would begin work as soon as his instruments could be received from Chicago, and would carry through the work as rapidly as possible.

### IN NEW DEPOT NOW.

The local railway officials are now comfortably located in the new stone passenger depot. This is a fine building and one of which the people of Bend are justly proud. There is a waiting room for women, one for men and a baggage room, besides the office in which are located the ticket and express agents and the telegraph operators. The move from the temporary quarters was made Saturday, and the first ticket sold in the new building was to R. J. Haulaley to Columbus, Neb.

## Why Endorse It?

"Why is it," asks a young man, "that they always want you to endorse a check at the bank?" The reason is simple. The endorsement is your receipt for the money. A check is an order on the bank to pay some particular person a certain amount of money. The person making the check wants to know that his wishes are fulfilled—that the person he gives the check to gets his money. It is much simpler, easier, and safer, to leave the money in the bank and then pay your bills by check. On account of the endorsement as above explained there is a complete record of each transaction. "Please see that all checks and drafts are endorsed."

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