

BEND COUNCIL MAJORITY WILL RESIST CHANGE

ALIGNMENT SHOWN IN VOTE ON MEETING

TWO SUPPORT MAYOR

Hot Words Heard in Debate When Gilson Makes Try For Annual Meeting—City Organization Is Good For 2 Years, Contentions.

A two-thirds majority of the Bend city council will strenuously resist any attempt on the part of Mayor E. D. Gilson to effect a reorganization of the municipal administration. This was the outstanding development of the special council meeting Friday which, called for the purpose of awarding the contract for construction of sewer lateral No. 29, became a pitched battle in the latter part of the session, with Councilmen Gilbert, Innes, Nordeen and Leverett aligned against the mayor. Councilmen Baker and Fox supported him.

The question at issue, whether committee appointments held for the two years, the life of the council, or for one year only, was one in which the opposition councilmen, supported by the opinion of City Attorney C. S. Benson, held that the mayor is empowered to make no change. The mayor declared that appointments could be renewed or changed at the end of the year. Coupled with this was the question of an annual meeting, which the dissenting councilmen consider is done away with by the same charter amendment which they state makes two years the life of a committee appointment.

Mayor Overruled

The vote on which the division of the council was made apparent came on the latter issue after heated debate following the mayor's announcement that the next session of the council would be held on Tuesday of next week, the time set in the original charter provision for the annual meeting.

"I move that the council adjourn to next Friday, the date of the next regular meeting," was Gilbert's declaration of war. "Why be sorry? It's no hardship on the people for the present committees to be retained," was Innes' rejoinder. "Because it leaves things so indefinite," the mayor answered. "You have power to prefer charges and remove committeemen any time their work is not satisfactory," Innes pointed out. "Yes it is. You spoke of committee appointments."

"That's not the question," says Purpose Camouflaged. Councilman Gilbert took the floor, declaring that he would regret exceedingly to see any changes from the present council organization. "I've never been fired off a job in my life," he said. "Reorganization would mean disruption, and in that condition we could not best serve the interests of the people. I would resent being removed from the police and fire committee. There's no use camouflaging what this meeting is for—it's to reorganize the council. This is uncalled for. We can best work as a unit."

"The matter of firing anybody rests with the council. The appointment of committees rests with the mayor, and they will be made at the next meeting," was Gilson's ultimatum. "What if the appointees don't care to serve?" queried Gilbert. "It's up to them."

Innes Predicts Fight

"I'm frank to tell you," exclaimed Innes, "that there isn't any one man big enough to run this city and do just as he wants to any time and all the time. If anything has made the mayor sore, it was up to him to tell us. We went down the line for you on a franchise, and got public discredit, and you never even helped. If there's any change, there's going to be a battle."

Nordeen quietly affirmed that he was satisfied with his position as chairman of the health committee, and stated his belief that Gilbert and Innes deserved to continue in their respective positions as chairmen of the police and streets committees if they desired to do so. "There has been no criticism of their work from the public," he added, "and they're serving the public."

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YEAR'S BIRTHS EXCEED DEATHS

RATIO IS NEARLY TWO TO ONE, VITAL STATISTICS SHOW—BOY BABIES ARE MORE NUMEROUS THAN GIRLS IN BEND.

An unusually good margin in the number of births in Bend for the year as compared with deaths is shown in vital statistics compiled Saturday by Dr. C. A. Fowler, city physician. The ratio was nearly two to one, new arrivals totaling 157, while deaths were but 82.

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WORLEY'S CASE HAS ATTENTION

PROTESTS BY BEND LEGION POST AND RED CROSS SECURE CARE FOR EX-SERVICE MAN IN CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL.

In response to protests made by Percy A. Stevens Post No. 4, American Legion, and the local Red Cross Home Service office, against the treatment given Orville H. Worley in the government hospital at Palo Alto word has been received here that after investigation by the service officer of the Legion for California, Worley was removed to a ward where he would receive better treatment, that an unsuitable cast on his leg was replaced by a better one, and that he is now receiving proper treatment by a masseur.

As a result of this and other complaints, a radical change is about to be made in the administration and policy of the Palo Alto hospital, the service officer stated in a letter to Frank Prince, Legion commander last year.

Largest Known Nugget

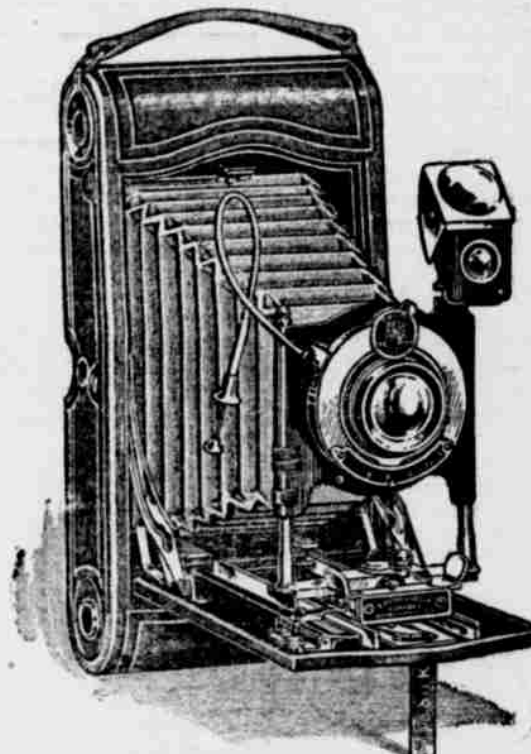
The National museum says that, according to its records the largest California gold nugget was found in Monumental claim in Sierra county and weighed 1563 troy ounces.

WILL FINANCE SHUTTER LOCK

ATTACHMENT CONSTRUCTED BY P. F. BEAULIEU TO PREVENT DOUBLE EXPOSURES INTERESTS BUSINESS MEN.

To arrange the financing of the kodak shutter lock, an invention of P. F. Beaulieu which prevents double exposures, Charles Carroll has left to interview Portland business men. Patent for the invention has been applied for, and the application has been approved with but one objection—the original name, "film lock," was judged to be not sufficiently descriptive of the device.

The attachment is designed so that it is impossible to make an exposure without winding the film spindle. Carroll is also taking a sample of the motor invented by Beaulieu and E. C. Lodingham, on which a patent has already been secured.



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