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CITY COUNCIL TO FIX WATER RATES

New Ones Are Planned and Council Will Also Arrange So That City Will Not Lose Large Percentage of Receipts as at Present—New System to Be Inaugurated.

TO CHARGE TAX TO PROPERTY, NOT RESIDENTS

Yearly Rate Will Be Established So That Property-Owners Cannot Shut Off Water During Winter and Avoid Tax.

If the plans of the city dads do not miscarry, no longer will the resident of Medford evade paying his water rate by shutting off his tap; no longer will he be able to beat the city by moving, and no longer will the city face a deficit at the end of each month during the winter, when the rates during the summer pay for the operation of the city's water plant.

The city council at a session being held this afternoon is considering water rates and the methods of enforcing and collecting them. The council plans the passage of an ordinance which will establish a fixed yearly rate according to frontage, size of the family and class of property, such as business, residents and lodging houses, which will be equitable and will be charged against the property. In this way the city will collect each month from the property, and, whether tenanted or not, so long as the property is connected with the city water main the rate must be paid.

It has been the custom in the past for a property-owner as soon as the rainy season opens to shut off his water, notify the city and pay no water tax until the following summer, when he again needed water for his lawn. By means of the new ordinance the council will fix a rate by the year, and this rate will be charged to the property and not to the individual. Should an individual get in arrears and have the water cut off, the next tenant must pay these arrears before he is allowed to turn the water on again.

City officials point out that it exists as much to operate the water system in the winter as in the summer. Hundreds of dollars have been lost in the past through the method in vogue at present.

The council has been on a still-hunt for data in regard to water rates for a number of weeks, and have information at hand regarding rates in more than 20 cities of the northwest. By use of these they believe they will be enabled to work out a system equitable and just, and one which will pay the city larger returns.

BARNEBURG PLACE SOLD FOR \$22,000

Two Hundred and Fifty-Eight Acres Southeast of City Sold to Local Real Estate Firm, Which Will Cut It Into Ten-Acre Tracts and Sell.

The S. P. Barneburg place, southeast of the city, has been sold to Aylor & Barnett of this city. The price paid was \$22,000.

The land is well adapted to fruit-raising. The place consists of 258 acres, which the new owners will cut into ten-acre tracts and sell.

The O. R. & N. Farming demonstration train that was run through Eastern Oregon and Washington, returning the past week, was the most successful ever operated in this state.

Do Willie Boys Live On Willie?

Momentous Question Stirs City Dads—John Demmer, Friend of Common People, Put to Rout.

Because a street bears the cognomen of "Willie," is it a sign that the residents thereon are necessarily mollycoddles or willie boys?

That was the momentous question threshed out at great length, with the expenditure of much gray matter and oratory, in the council chambers at a session of the city council Wednesday night. By their votes the council decided that such residents were not necessarily in the aforesaid class.

The residents of Willie street, over on the East Side, petitioned the city council to change the name of their street to Portland avenue. Bill Elfert led the regulars and utterly put to rout John Demmer, friend of the common people and insurgent leader from the Third ward. The name of the street remains Willie street, the petition being rejected by the following vote: Welch aye, Wortman aye, Elfert aye, Demmer no, Merrick and Emerick absent.

Like Cat, Old Question Back

City Dads Again Consider Problem of Getting Dumping Ground for City—Must Have Garbage Cans.

Like the proverbial cat, the garbage question has come back.

At the Wednesday night session of the city council the finance committee was instructed to interview John Gore and ascertain if certain property south of the city could be secured for the purpose of establishing a dumping ground here. The committee is to report at the next regular meeting of the council.

Every so often the same old question comes up for discussion in the council chambers, and just as often the matter terminates in oratory. Sometimes it is indignant property owners adjacent to the proposed dumping ground who put a crimp in the matter; sometimes the crimp comes of its own volition. However, the council believes that this time they have solved the problem by finding an isolated piece of ground suitable for such a purpose.

The garbage question, however, received attention Wednesday evening from a new standpoint. An ordinance was passed requiring all restaurants and hotels to provide themselves with garbage cans with an air tight lid. This will do away with certain unsightly and dangerous receptacles now in vogue.

More Streets Ask Pavement

Three Resolutions Passed by City Council Ordering Laying of Hard Surface Pavement.

And still the paving program is going ahead.

Three more streets are to be paved unless protests develop at the next meeting of the city council to be held on April 19. Last evening the city council passed resolutions ordering the improvement of the following streets by laying hard surface pavement:

Second street from Holly to west city limits; Peach street, South, from Seventh to Eighth, Ross court from Seventh to Fourth.

The city council this afternoon expects to sign the contract with the Clarke-Henry company in accordance with the bid accepted last week. At this time the council will also designate the class of pavement and the width of the street in the various parts of the city, the residence streets taking a lighter pavement. The company expects to start work the first of next week.

To advertise, it becomes urgent as soon as to rent it becomes urgent.

ASSOCIATION GROWING FAST

Many Orchardists Subscribe to Capital Stock—Campaign Launched to Have \$25,000 Subscribed by April 16, When Organization is to Be Perfected and Officers Elected.

MASS MEETING HELD AND OBJECTS EXPLAINED

From Merlin to California Line the Growers Are Asked to Combine in Formation of a New Fruit and Produce Association.

By April 16 the Rogue River Fruit & Produce association will have had \$25,000 of its capital stock subscribed, if the active campaign launched at a meeting of fruit-growers Wednesday afternoon is continued with the enthusiasm with which it was launched. A large number of orchardists were present and when the meeting closed \$7210 of the necessary \$25,000 had been subscribed.

At the meeting, which was presided over by A. J. Dunlap of Talent, matters in connection with the organization were thoroughly thrashed out and many of the orchardmen, after having the aims and purposes of the proposed association explained to them, readily subscribed to the capital stock.

Much more of the capital stock would have been subscribed at the meeting yesterday had the larger orchardists been permitted to take as much stock as they wished, but one of the purposes of the organization is to include all of the fruit-growers between Merlin and Grants Pass, and hence large subscriptions are not wanted.

The work was started yesterday in earnest. On April 16, \$25,000 of the capital stock must be subscribed, for on that day the fruit-growers meet for final organization and elect their officers. The following committee was appointed to direct the work:

Darby S. Miller, J. A. Westerlund, C. E. Whisler, J. A. Hover and C. M. Potter.

The following is a list of the subscribers to date to the capital stock of the association:

- G. A. Hover, Phoenix; Dave Dan-can, Jacksonville; H. B. Patterson, Medford; J. T. Gagon, Medford; W. S. Brooks, Central Point; J. S. Vilas, Medford; J. B. Finley, Oregon City; Richard W. Northup, Medford; S. L. Bennett & Son, Medford; E. S. Palmer, Central Point; R. C. Washburn, Central Point; Emery J. Eastman, Medford; J. E. Woodruff, Medford; Horace Pelton, Gold Hill; J. W. Merritt, Central Point; Snyder & Bassett, Ashland; H. E. Gale, Merlin; C. E. Selloek, Murphy; G. A. Hamilton, Grants Pass; G. A. Morse, Talent; R. B. Wilson, Medford; Palmer Investment Co., Medford; A. Conroy, Central Point; E. F. Guthrie, Eagle Point; H. B. Tronson, Eagle Point; P. L. Raven, Medford; Fred N. Cummings, Medford; H. C. Garnett, Medford; C. C. Johnson, Medford; W. D. McDowell, Medford; Dodge & Theiss, Akron, O.; J. C. Aitken, Woodville; C. H. Corey, Medford; Jackson County Bank, Medford; W. S. Crowell, Medford; F. E. Merrick, Medford; Farmers' & Fruitgrowers' Bank, Medford; E. Barton Waterman, Medford; S. M. Mears, Jr., Central Point; J. E. Enyart, Medford; Allen & Reagan, Medford; F. L. Tou Velle, Medford; E. B. Hanley, Central Point; N. S. Bennett, Medford; C. M. Speak, Medford; Mitchell & Boeck, Medford; R. C. Astbury, Gold Hill; C. E. Whisler, Medford; B. Hamill, Medford; Houston Bros., Talent; Hillcrest Orchard Co., Medford; J. D. Olwell, Medford; E. F. Massam, Medford; J. G. Gore, Medford; L. W. Zimmer, Medford; O. D. Whiting, Medford; T. J. Williamson, Medford; Edwin L. Lane, Central Point; Frank Weston, Central Point; J. W. Myers, Central Point; J. F. Wortman, Medford; W. V. Barnum, Phoenix; Hoyer & Ingalls, Medford; J. A. Westerlund, Medford; A. C. Allen, Medford; J. E. Woodruff, Medford; A. J. Dunlap, Central Point; A. W. McPherson, Medford;

Is Uncle Joe Cannon To Resign? Such Is Close Friend's Statement



WASHINGTON, April 7.—A man who is known to be a close friend of Speaker Cannon stated today that it would only be a matter of a few weeks until the speaker resigns his office. This statement is generally believed in official circles here today. It is pointed out that Uncle Joe is handicapped to a great degree in his control of the house by the formation of the rules committee, in spite of the fact that they are his friends. After a few weeks it is believed that he will resign. If not, it is certain that he will not be a candidate for re-election to the speakership. He is being urged to keep his place, for if he leaves it, it is deemed certain that Champ Clark (Dem.) will be elected speaker.

COUNCIL IS TO AID THE LADIES

Will Help Secure Parks if Way Can Be Found to Do So—Matter Now in Hands of the Finance Committee of the Council.

The city council has shown a disposition to help the ladies of the Greater Medford club in their endeavor to secure more parks for the city. They are especially favorably inclined to the proposition of buying an additional five acres near the city reservoir which, with the ground already owned, would give ten acres for parking purposes. At a recent meeting the council discussed the matter at some length and referred the proposition to the finance committee. Lack of funds alone will keep them from granting the request of the ladies.

The ladies of the Greater Medford club propose to have the council take an option on this property and then issue bonds in small denominations, which the ladies agree to sell. The only matter which stands in the way of this plan is the fact that the city charter must be amended before a bond issue can be made for park purposes.

One of the big wheat farms of the state was sold the past week when the lands of the J. A. Woolery estate, in Morrow county, passed to a syndicate of North Dakota bankers. The sale included 9,000 acres and the price paid was \$150,000. It will be cut up into small farms.

R. H. Paxson, Central Point; M. J. Minear, Medford; H. H. Tuttle, Medford; George B. Dean, Medford; Kerby S. Miller, Central Point; C. W. Potter, Medford; G. G. Gould, Medford; John A. Gammill, Medford; Glen Rogue Orchard Co., Jacksonville; A. E. Bliss, Medford; Liberty Orchard Co., Medford; Clinton C. Scott, Phoenix.

OREGON TRUNK ON TO KLAMATH

Bids Called for by Company for the Construction of Road to North Boundary of Klamath Indian Reservation—Then on to Klamath

PORTLAND, Or., April 7.—Announcement was made at the office of the Oregon Trunk line railroad here today that bids have been asked for the grading of the line from Madras to the northern line of the Klamath Indian reservation, the work to commence by May 1, and to be completed by January 1, 1911.

In the contract to be awarded there will be approximately 111 miles of grading and all of the work except the bridge-building and track-laying will be included. The extension of the line will pass through the towns of Redmond, Rand, Rosland and Odell. The first section of the work from Celilo to Madras is now proceeding and with the projected extension will give the road 225 miles of track.

It is believed that another contract soon will be let for construction of the line across the Indian reservation to Klamath Falls.

From Madras to Odell the Oregon Trunk line will tap some of the best timber and agricultural lands of Central Oregon.

Hundreds Die in Battle.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 7.—Several hundred men were killed and wounded in a desperate two-days' battle near Riverlab between Turkish troops and Albanian rebels, according to advices which reached Constantinople.

The bloody conflict started April 4 and continued almost without cessation until the night of the fifth before the rebels were checked. The Albanians threaten to overthrow the Young Turks' regime.

HIGH JINKS IS PLAN OF CLUB

Crater Lake Highway Commission to Meet With Ashland Commercial Club Monday Evening—Social Evening Planned for Near Future.

At its regular meeting Wednesday evening the Medford Commercial club decided to hold a high jinks within the next two weeks, and appointed the following committee to look after details: Blain Klum, H. W. Grunsky and E. M. Andrews.

Correspondence from the secretary of the Ashland Commercial club was read, stating that that organization had called a special meeting for the purpose of meeting with the members of the Crater Lake highway commission to be held Monday evening, April 18. The secretary was instructed to write the Ashland Commercial club that the date was satisfactory, and undoubtedly a large delegation will be present.

Judge Colvig reported for the trustees that they had found it impossible to procure the McAndrews lot for a building site for the Commercial club.

The matter of taking the operator for the Seig Polysepe company over the valley to procure motion pictures was brought up by the president. The secretary was instructed to secure autos to take the operator over the valley.

E. B. Waterman reported for the committee appointed to meet Ren H. Rice of the Spokane Apple Show. He said that at a meeting held a resolution was adopted recommending that the Commercial club take a space 12x30 feet at the Chicago National Apple Show. The fruit will first be shown at the Spokane National Apple Show. The cost would be \$450 to the club. The executive committee had already passed favorably upon the matter. The matter was laid on the table until the next meeting.

RUSSIA STILL PLANS TO ROB FINLAND OF LIBERTY

Russian Council of Ministers Evolve Plan Which Will Give Russia Necessary Excuse to Rob Finland of Its Liberty—Game of "Heads, I Win; Tails, You Lose."

RUSSIA HAS FINNISH DIET START TROUBLE

In This Way Empire Will Claim I Has Been Insulted and Then Czar Can Permanently Dissolve Diet—Russia Plays Her Cards Well.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 7.—Fearful lest the Finnish diet may fail to furnish the czar with a valid excuse for robbing Finland of its liberties, the Russian council of ministers has evolved a plan it believes it can absolutely depend upon to do the business.

Three resolutions recently introduced into the diet protesting against Russia's disregard of the Finnish constitution look good to the council. If the diet passed the resolutions, Russia will instantly announce that it has been insulted, the diet will be permanently dissolved and there will be an end of constitutional government in Finland. The council knows, however, that the diet realizes it will be signing its own death warrant in passing the resolutions, and it is conceded as just possible that they may not be passed though of course the diet wants to pass them.

But there is another way around the difficulty. Russia recently appointed a Russo-Finnish commission to consider plans for a closer union between the two countries. A majority of the members were Russian. They reported in favor of making Finland a mere Russian province and substituting Finnish representation in the duma for a separate diet.

Inasmuch as the diet is really an independent body and the duma a mere instrument for registering the czar's will and also considering that the Finnish deputies will be an infinitesimal minority even in the duma, this means complete loss of identity for the smaller country.

The Finnish members of the commission submitted a minority report. The council of ministers is going now to submit the majority report to the diet to be accepted or rejected. If it accepts, it will cut its own throat. If it refuses Russia will cut it.

The whole difficulty is due to the fact that Russia and Finland are theoretically quite distinct nations. It merely happens that the same individual rules them both. Nicholas is czar of Russia. He is also grand duke of Finland. Nicholas and Russia want to make Finland part of the empire. Finland prefers to remain independent.

UNCLE SAM TO DEMAND REDRESS FOR INSULT

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 7.—The American minister to Guatemala was instructed by the state department today to insist on prompt and adequate redress for an attack on two American citizens.

The distribution of books was referred to the executive committee.

A resolution of thanks was extended to the building committee and the committee discharged. A new building committee was appointed, composed of Rosenbaum, chairman, Cuthbert and Bennett.

The following new members were elected: Charles W. Wilmeroth and Robert Gray.

On motion, the secretary was instructed to so interpret the bylaws to recognize individuals, not firms, as members.

Meeting adjourned.