

CITY TIGHTENS PURSE STRINGS COUNCIL VOTES

Economy Policy Adopted With No Improvements Except for Sanitation—Voers to Pass On the Water Board.

The city administration last night decided to cut the expenses of the municipality to the bone, and in doing so thereby to make no further improvements for sewer and water, paving, grading and graveling at present, except for sanitary reasons and with certain limitations; to lay off all extra employees and otherwise reduce expenses to a minimum, and to put up to a vote of the people at next fall's election the question of abolishing the city water commission or of consolidating it with the city council.

This action was taken unanimously, with the mayor and all of the councilmen except R. B. Hammond present by the adoption of the report of the council finance committee, which set forth a brief review of the financial condition of the city and recommended the above mentioned and other features for the retrenchment of the running expenses of the municipality.

The members of the finance committee are A. C. Hubbard, chairman; E. W. Janney, J. J. Buchter and R. B. Hammond.

The finance committee's report read as follows:

Must Reduce Expenses.

"We, the finance committee, beg leave to report as follows: "First, our city has been growing the past two years by leaps and bounds, requiring expenditures of considerable sums in order to make improvements to keep up with the demands of its citizens; however, like private business, after years of expansion there generally comes a quieter period when less improvements are necessary and then expenditures should be curtailed.

"While city expenditures are less proportionately than either county and schools, we believe the time has arrived when all city expenditures should be cut to the bone and no further expenditures made except those absolutely necessary.

Rig Bond Issues Hold Back.

"Second, that the city has expended something approximately over a million dollars in providing the new water system, has practically doubled its sewer and water distributing systems, together with four streets for which contracts to paving have been let aggregating about a quarter of a million more, making a total expenditure in the last two years of approximately a million and a quarter.

"In addition to this the city has in the past few years provided a new city hall, opened up 6th street, and made various other improvements.

Cut Street Improvements.

"In view of these extensive improvements and the assessment of the cost of most of these improvements against property, especially in view of the fact that the city still owns some lots heretofore taken over for delinquent assessments, we recommend that no further improvements of paving, grading and graveling, sewer or water be made at the present time, except where absolutely necessary for sanitary reasons and recommend that on all new petitions the petitioners be required to give a bond as is the practice in Portland providing that the petitioner guarantees the payment of the liens against property owned by non-residence or property owners refusing to sign up under the Bancroft Act or pay its portion of the assessment.

Lay Off All Extra Men.

"Third, that while it will require some work of the street department in order to finish up the work now pending and will require the balance of the year for the City Attorney's office to assess the property under the Bancroft Act and prepare city improvement bond issues, etc., we believe now that this work is over as to most of the departments, that all extra men should be laid off and expenses reduced to the minimum and along this line we request that a list of the employees of all the departments of the City be given to our committee together with a statement of their salaries.

Vote on Water Board Status.

"Fourth, inasmuch as many of the people are of the impression that they voted for the water commission for the purpose of putting in the new water system only, expecting that it would be done away with when the construction was over, we believe that the people having created this commission should have an opportunity to pass on the question at the fall election, as to whether or not they wish it continued or whether or not they wish it consolidated with the council."

Convention Meeting Postponed.

"The regular meeting of the Legion convention commission which is scheduled for tonight has been postponed according to General Chairman McDonald. This is due to the absence of several members of the commission who will accompany State Commander Geo. Love to Kerby tonight to take part in the installation of a new American Legion post in that community.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., April 4.—(AP)—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh arrived at Rockwell field here at 1:50 this afternoon from Santa Barbara.

FREE TICKETS TO THE RIALTO FOR CHILDREN

Every child who sends in a cartoon, whether winning a prize or not, will be admitted free to the "Bringing Up Father" matinee Saturday, April 7 at 2 p. m. Tickets to be given at this office Saturday at 1 p. m.

All the children in Medford and southern Oregon under the age of 12 are eligible to take part in the Maggie and Jiggs drawing contest, being conducted by the Mail Tribune and Rialto theatre.

This contest not only helps develop your talents but will furnish you free theatre tickets if successful.

Draw pictures of both Maggie and Jiggs, or either one separate. Contest to be decided on best drawings.

All drawings must be in the Mail Tribune office by Friday night. If mailed be sure they reach us by Friday night.

Winners' names will be posted in Mail Tribune window Saturday at noon and tickets will be available at that time.

The first prize gets a ticket good for 30 days at Rialto, second, three weeks ticket, third, two weeks, fourth one week.

The last cartoon sent in may win a prize. If you haven't made a drawing, do so at once.

Only one drawing allowed for each child.

Write your name, address, and age plainly at top of drawing.

LEGION INSTALLS POST AT KERBY

The newest American Legion post in the state will be installed tonight at Kerby, Josephine county, with State Commander George Love conducting the installation. A delegation of local post officials and Legion members will leave this afternoon at 4:30 p. m. for Grants Pass where they will join a caravan from that city for Kerby.

Following the installation, State Commander Love will return to Medford where he will spend tomorrow conferring with local Legionnaires in regard to the reorganization of the local post. The installation will be held here in August.

All Legionnaires wishing to join the Medford delegation tonight should be at the Chamber of Commerce building promptly at 4:30 p. m.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—(AP)—President Coolidge, all members of his cabinet and the governor of every state will be presented next Monday with a copy of the new Boy Scout handbook by an eagle scout under direction of national headquarters of the Boy Scouts of America.

FIRST SMUDGING OF SEASON TODAY; RAIN PREDICTED

The first frost of the season during last night, which brought down the temperature to a minimum of 30 degrees in Medford and lower elsewhere, and caused considerable needless alarm to the orchardists, some of whom feared it might go lower, caused no damage whatever either to smudged or unsmudged orchards, but did actual good by starting the annual orchard-frost payroll in giving employment to hundreds of youths and others in firing the smudge pots. Seventy-five per cent of the orchards smudged.

Many merchants hold that the annual prosperity season for each new year does not get fully underway until the immense orchard harvest payroll begins with the smudging season and first frost.

Floyd Young's forecast, given out at 7 o'clock last night for a minimum of 30 in the city and immediate vicinity, was exactly correct, although the situation to many looked rather dangerous in the valley about midnight with apparently clearing weather.

However, of course, the temperature was lower in the Central Point and Sams Valley districts, and some other exposed places with apparently the Sams Valley section being the coldest and Central Point around about 28 degrees.

When the temperature began going down about 3 p. m. and the sky apparently beginning to clear up, many of the orchard men began phoning to Floyd Young, the government frost expert on duty here, asking how much lower temperature the various kinds of pear trees in blossom would stand, which phoning to Mr. Young at the weather bureau office in the Liberty building continued until about 2 a. m. until all danger was past.

Despite Mr. Young's assurance to various questioners from 9 o'clock on that the temperature would not go down low enough to cause damage—in fact counseling them not to fire up—no anxious were the orchard men that light firing began at 1 a. m. and before feeling safe about 75 per cent of the smudging orchards fired up, which caused much smudge smoke on the valley this morning and forenoon.

As always on a smudging night, the housewives of the city, who have an uncanny way of detecting the smudge vapor odor, no matter how softly they sleep, awakened shortly after smudging began and went round the houses putting down the windows to protect the house furnishings, etc.

There is no danger whatever of another frost tonight, as rain is predicted for tonight and Thursday.

LA FOLLETTISM HIT

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Follette and his followers that the opposing factions at all threatened to gain control of even a large minority of the convention delegates.

The other time was in 1916 when progressives elected 14 and the conservatives 12. With that exception from 1908 through 1924, the

progressives captured all but one or two of the delegates.

ROTARIAN GIFTS VERY DELIGHTFUL TO MISS ALLEN

Miss Katherine Allen, three weeks old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Allen, who was honored with toasts and showered with gifts at the Rotary club ladies' day luncheon yesterday noon at Hotel Medford, was interviewed at her home, 710 Park street this morning.

The tiny blue-eyed, black haired heart breaker had just finished her bath and was snuggly donning her pink silk lounging robe, when her eyes fell upon the beautiful gray carriage stacked high with dainty gifts, duplicated in several instances many times. She was obviously pleased and proud of the array.

"Tell them that I appreciate the lovely gifts so much—and the wonderful reception everyone has given me. I know I shall like Medford and I'm sure the Rogue River valley will prove an ideal place in which to locate."

Miss Allen pointed out a black and gold bank, which was filled with coins—a gift of one of her local admirers and suggested the possibility of her investing its contents in real estate here at a future date. Whether her investment would take in city property or orchard land, was not stated by the young lady at this time.

"That carriage suits me fine. Tell the boys 'Thanks for the buggy ride'." Then with a humorous twinkle in her eyes, the mischievous Miss Allen called attention to the six pair of footgear showered upon her, and suggested that she would take all of them along with her on her buggy rides, to guard against the danger of ever having to walk home.

Four important officials of the J. C. Penney company arrived in Medford today from New York City to confer with W. S. Bolger, manager of the local Penney store.

The four men, W. H. Dayton of the employment department, A. W. Hughes of the personnel department, W. H. Hushnell, employment director and F. W. Binzen of the merchandise department, arrived here from San Francisco and are en route to Portland where they will be in charge of a regular managers' convention to be held there.

The party will leave tomorrow for Portland, accompanied by Mr. Bolger, and this afternoon were being entertained by the latter, who motored with them to Ashland. Outside of Portland, Medford and San Francisco were the only cities visited by the officials on the Pacific coast.

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CITY PLACES BAN ON LIVESTOCK

The city administration reiterated its intention at last night's city council meeting to rigidly enforce the ordinance which prohibits a citizen from keeping any more than two horses or cows in his stable, and instructed City Superintendent Scheffel to at once learn of violations of this ordinance and round up the violators.

Fred Fredenburg, the well known teamster, in accordance with complaints coming from citizens living in the territory adjacent to his barn on Niantic street, was recently served with orders by the city officials to remove his stable of horses within ten days from that locality, or cut the number of horses to the legal limit.

Mr. Fredenburg, appearing before the city council last night, demurred to this unless, as he said, others violating the ordinance through the city were also compelled to observe it, and named several such violators. Upon being told that there would be no exceptions, and that the ordinance will be strictly enforced, he then asked for a limit of thirty days, instead of ten days, in which to comply, which was readily granted.

The council also passed a number of minor ordinances relating to individual property and other matters, and transacted much routine business in addition to taking important action to rigidly cut down city expenses and relative to making the old Page theater fire ruins safe, both of which matters are explained in detail elsewhere in this paper.

Radio Program KMED

Mail Tribune-Virgin Station

Program Thursday, April 5

10 to 11 a. m.—Economy

Groceries

11 to 11:30 a. m.—Bliss, the

Butcher

11:30 to 12 noon—Jarvin &

Woods

12:15 to 1:15 p. m.—Val J.

Fisher

6:15 p. m.—Medford Mail

Tribune news items and

market reports

8 to 9 p. m.—Jackson County

Creamery

9 to 9:30 p. m.—Modern

Plumbing & Sheet Metal

Works

9:30 to 10 p. m.—6th St.

Super Service Station

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Wochnek,

825 West Tenth street, are the

parents of a seven and a half

pound daughter, born at the

Sacred Heart hospital, April 1.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Riley, 1307

West Main, are the parents of an

eight pound baby girl born at the

Sacred Heart hospital, March 29.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Cowley,

route 2, are the parents of a baby

boy born at their home April 3.

Dr. Hayes assisting.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Tanzer, 1116

West Ninth, are the parents of a

seven and a half pound girl born

at the Sacred Heart hospital,

March 29.

A nine pound baby girl was born

to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Derick, 1217

Riverside avenue, April 3, at the

Sacred Heart hospital.

A seven pound baby girl was

born to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd L.

Hutchinson of the Trail district at

the Sacred Heart hospital April 4.



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