

MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Levy of Thirteen Mills Made for General and Special Purposes

At the meeting of the City Council last evening the bond of Geo. B. Snyder as policeman with W. B. Slough and B. B. (legally as sureties), was approved. The appointment of Jesse Hart as regular policeman by Mayor Stiltz was confirmed by the Council and his bond with J. W. Bryant and A. Emmitt as sureties was approved.

The following building permits were granted: To Ernest Soule for a 24 by 38 house on lot 7 in block 48 in Kawana Heights. To J. P. Hitchcock for a 16 by 20 barn on lot 4 in block 25. To Mrs. Brandenburg for a two-story 6 room house on Eighth street between High and Rush. To Mrs. Lewis for a five room cottage on lot 5 in block 5 in West Klamath Falls. To the Farmers Implement & Supply House for a two-story building 40 by 90 feet, the first floor to be used as a blacksmith shop, on 10th street at the present location of the old shop. To Neil Campbell for a two-story frame store building 26 by 60 feet on lot 3 in block 48 in Main street.

The report of the Police Judge for November showed that there had been collected \$62 in fines, etc., during the month.

A petition was presented by property owners asking that Canal street be opened up between Ninth and Tenth streets. It was referred to the Street Committee for a report.

The committee appointed to report on opening Eighth street between Klamath and Walnut reported favorably, and on motion it was decided to take the proper steps to open the street. The property that it will be necessary to acquire belongs to J. W. Emmons and others.

The certificate of the County Clerk was read showing that there was taxable property in the city amounting to \$742,698. This is less than the amount shown on the tax roll for last year. The Council made a levy of 13 mills for general and municipal purposes, and a special levy of three mills for the purpose of paying the

accrued interest on outstanding warrants.

Fire Chief Oliver informed the Council of a proposition made by Mr. Farnett for the use of the fire engine on the steamer Klamath if the city would furnish couplings to connect the hose. The matter was referred to the Fire and Water Committee with power to purchase the necessary couplings. To the same committee was referred the matter of securing blankets and bedding for the use of the fire boys who occupy the hose house.

Councilman M. G. Wilkins, of the First Ward, was granted a leave of absence from December 15 to January 15.

W. W. Masten, who recently purchased the Summers ranch, made a proposition to the Council to purchase the engine which was purchased with the rock crusher. He offered \$1200, one half to be paid in September of next year and the balance in the following March. He would give in payment his notes bearing interest with proper security. The matter was referred to the Finance Committee with power to act.

Mayor Stiltz was then granted a leave of absence for 60 days.

The Council then adjourned until Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

AT McHATTAN'S.

Beautiful, rich and sparkling Theatrical glass at McHattan's.

My umbrella covers have arrived. Now bring in your umbrella.

A pretty line of "Festoon" neck chains. 50 pairs of the newest things in collar pins.

Handsome rail pins and brooches.

New watches with medium and high grade movements.

Swiss line of enamel clocks, 8 day, and the latest, fancy bronze clocks, one day time.

Gorham's sterling silver flat ware in the "Jefferson" and "Chantilly" patterns.

Pretty and snappy new sterling silver novelties.

1847 Rogers flat ware in sets and single pieces in the most popular pattern, "The Vintage."

Spex, Auto glasses, smoked glasses and eye glass reels.

Conklin's self-filling Pens have no equal.

If you are after wedding presents or Christmas gifts I think you can find something in my stock.

McHATTAN

Drop in at Mullers and bear the latest song hits.

STRONG ARGUMENT FOR THE CRATER LAKE ROAD

There seems to be some opposition to the Good Roads movement in the eastern part of the county, or at least to that part of the projected road that does not pass through their immediate vicinity. While favoring the Klamath Falls-Lakeview portion of the scheme, they balk at the Crater Lake end of it.

Now it seems to me that they take a very narrow view of the matter; they forget that that part of the system means the bringing of more than three times as much outside capital to be expended in construction work as we are called upon to put up; that if, under any possible, nay probable, that the movement once started will so commend itself to the people themselves that they will continue the good work of their own accord until all branch roads, as well as main arteries of travel will be macadamized, thereby adding vastly to our material comfort and wealth; for good roads enhance property values more than cost of construction.

Taking such a narrow view, as our eastern brothers seem to take, if general all over the county, would forever defeat any steps for county improvement in roads, as all such systems necessarily have to commence somewhere, and the people living along the line of the early constructed portions would of necessity be the first benefited, while eventually all would receive either a direct or indirect benefit from the moment of its inception. The building of the Crater Lake road, as contemplated, would cost some \$50,000 within two years, while it would insure the bringing into circulation at least \$150,000 additional from state and nation. More than that it would increase the volume of outside travel and trade each year more than the entire expenditure of this county in its construction.

Many people do not seem to realize that we have in Crater Lake and its adjacent surroundings an asset vastly greater than all the agricultural and other resources combined. An asset that increases each year in direct ratio to its accessibility to the tourist and traveler. The people who travel for sight seeing, health and recreation, are, as a rule, people of means, accustomed to all the comforts and luxuries of modern travel. They hes-

itate long before venturing where they have to suffer inconveniences incident to stage travel over rough mountain roads, but are lured nearly as much by the pleasures of good accommodations en route as by the beauties of natural scenery.

I believe the records of the superintendent of the Crater Lake Park show that nearly six thousand persons visited the lake the past season. Assuming that each of these visitors spent within the county only five dollars, which is perhaps less than half the actual expenditure, and we have a revenue from this asset for this year of \$30,000, more than half enough to build the road. It is certain that the travel will double as soon as the railroad reaches this place and as every one who views this great natural wonder becomes a walking advertisement of its glories, the number of visitors will increase with each succeeding year, provided, good roads and good accommodations are provided for the visitors.

True we may expect quite a large income from the freight shipments over the Lakeview road when completed, but not a tithe of that from the Crater Lake end of it. And yet, I have yet to learn of any kink from this end of the county against the building of the road to the county line.

I am afraid we have too many people in the county like one of our early settlers in School District No. 1, which had just been organized and were contemplating the erection of a school house. Settlements were far apart and bachelors predominated. School districts were large and it was impossible to erect school houses centrally as it would accommodate the fewest scholars, so situated. It was judged best to build at a point where the greatest number of children could attend and where the most money could be subscribed towards the construction. As there was more labor than money those days, it was found necessary to vote a tax of 2 1/2 mills to raise money to purchase material. Accordingly notices calling for a school meeting to elect officers and for the purpose of levying a tax of 2 1/2 mills to aid in construction of a school house, were duly posted.

Our early settler referred to whom I will call K, was a man of family who lived remote from any settlement, but who had never taken any hand in organizing for a district. He was thoroughly aroused, denouncing the action of the directors as highway robbery, and a gross imposition upon the tax burdened community. He spent the week before the election in visiting other portions of the district haranguing the people, and stirring up opposition against the voting of the tax, so that when the meeting was held every male resident of the district was present, and when the tax proposition came up it was buried by an avalanche of votes, so that the school house had to be built by four patrons of the school. An examination of the tax roll disclosed the fact that Mr. K, who had spent six days in work creating opposition and as many nights in sleepless anxiety, paid taxes on \$124, and that his portion of the assessment would have been thirty-two cents.

Now figure up how much a three mill tax would deplete your income for two years; against this place the advantages, social, commercial, and financial, that would accrue to you through the building of a good road from Crater Lake to Lakeview and you have a parallel to the case of Mr. K of early fame.

It is an old and true axiom "that it takes money to make money." And we all know that in any business it is sometimes necessary to spend money in order to make money. Many a good mine remains idle for lack of money to put it in productive shape; many a productive community is impoverished through lack of markets for their products, that money, used properly in developing transportation would render prosperous. Many will say that it costs too much to build good roads, and cite you to the two mile experiment from the city to Altamont where some \$27,000 was spent in building a road that lacks considerable of being what it should be. They do not consider that the road in question was in the nature of an experiment, constructed by inex-

perienced men, and contrary to all accepted good roads methods. That was a costly mistake that will hardly be repeated. The best authorities place the cost of building good crushed rock roads at from \$1500 to \$5000 per mile, depending on the nature of the soil and accessibility of material. Future roads will be built under the direct supervision of expert road builders.

In my opinion the opportunity now offered the people of this county to secure state and national aid is one we cannot safely reject. Its acceptance means the financial upbuilding of the whole county and the creating of markets for everything the farmer can produce for years to come. It means the placing of this county among the most progressive, populous and prosperous in the state of Oregon. It means the proclaiming to the world that we have greater natural scenic beauties than can be found elsewhere in the known world, and which will always be a source of wealth to the whole people of the county.

Such an opportunity will never again be open to us. Now, now is the time to grasp it.

O. A. STEARNS.

GRAND JURY IN SESSION.

No reports have been made by the Grand Jury which began examining witnesses yesterday afternoon. It is stated that the horse stealing case of the State vs. Walker was considered but owing to the absence of one of the witnesses further examination was postponed awaiting the arrival of the witness.

Mrs. Johnson was examined in the case of the State vs. Dave Alexander. Mrs. Johnson is said to have seen the shooting of the Indian by Alexander. The Jury is still in session.

FIRST JURY SELECTED.

The jury was secured this afternoon in the case of the Long Lake Lumber Company vs. A. Kinney. The case will be heard at 9:30 tomorrow morning.

A THREE-CORNERED MEETING.

On Wednesday night, this week, there will be a joint meeting of the members of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist churches. The subject will be, "Stewardship." All are cordially invited.

Geo. T. Pratt
J. W. Price
G. LeRoy Hall.

AT THE OPERA HOUSE.

New tonight—The Pirates, A Horse of Another Color, Chauncey Proves a Good Detective, Airship Thieves, New songs.

Fine line of watches. Winters 2

To the Merchants and Public of Klamath Falls: As per the Evening Closing agreement, we will open our Store evening from December 10th to 25th.
K. K. K. STORE.

THE SHERIFF WANTS HELP

City Council Does Not Take Favorably His Suggestion that Police Assist

Sheriff W. B. Barnes appeared before the Council last evening and asked the assistance of the city officers in stopping the sale of liquor in the city. He drew attention to the instructions of Judge Noland to the Grand Jury, which was to the effect that city peace officers had the same power of arrest as state officers.

Mayor Stiltz stated that he was not in favor of the city going to the trouble and expense of finding evidence against the saloonmen unless the city received the benefits of the fines. He said that there was then on the table an ordinance providing for the punishment of this offense by which the city could secure the fines. If it is the wish of the Council it would be taken up and passed and he would guarantee that the saloons would be put out of business.

Members of the Council refused to take any action on the matter, appearing willing to let the sheriff do what they considered his own work. One of the Councilmen made the remark that they had no assurance that the county officers would stop the sale of liquors in other towns of the county and why should they be asked to do the work here.

METHODIST SOCIAL UNION.

There will be held in the Methodist church on Saturday evening a meeting of more than ordinary importance not only to the church immediately concerned, but to each one of the churches and the citizens in general. Several speakers of prominence will be present, among whom will be Rev. R. E. Dunlap, Dr. Hamilton, Dr. Leonard and others, who will present matters of special interest.

The speech of the evening will be given by Judge H. L. Benson, on the subject of "Civil Righteousness." We are sure that no one of our citizens is better qualified to present such a theme.

There will be music and refreshments and altogether a good time is expected. Admission is free by ticket and is limited to adults over fourteen years of age. Children are not expected, only such as are accompanied by their parents, who will, of course become responsible for their good behavior.

A cordial invitation is extended to the members of the other churches and to the townspeople and business men in particular, to attend this the first meeting of the Methodist Social Union.

GOOD NEWS.

It is our pleasure to announce that we have secured the exclusive agency in this county for the celebrated Boyer Hat, the best \$3 hat in the world. The hat sold with a guarantee. The Portland Store, K. Sugarman.

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Largest stock of Toys and Dolls. Xmas Goods. Appropriate Gifts for all.

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PURSES
FANCY JULIETS
FUR TRIMMED (All Colors)
FASCINATORS
AND SHAWLS
NEWEST STYLES
DRESS SHOES
FINE WINTER WAISTS
LACE CURTAINS
TABLE SETS
CLOTHS AND
NAPKINS TO MATCH
FANCY HANDKERCHIEFS
AND COLLARS
HDKF. BOXES
WORK BOXES
MANICURE SETS
TOILET SETS
RUBBER BOOTS
RUGS
COATS AND
PONY JACKETS
SWEATER COATS
INDIAN BASKETS, ETC., ETC.

MEN
SUSPENDERS AND
NECKTIES (one in a box)
FANCY SOX IN
XMAS BOXES
XMAS HANDKERCHIEFS
SUIT CASES
KID GLOVES
SUEDE SILK LINED GLOVES
WOOL MITTENS
AND GLOVES
FANCY WAIST COATS
SLIPPERS, ALL STYLES
WALK-OVER DRESS SHOES
WINTER CAPS
COLLAR AND CUFF BOXES
NECKTIE BOXES
PAJAMAS, NIGHT GOWNS
FINE UMBRELLAS
A STETSON HAT
WOOL SOX
OVERCOATS
FINE SILK SHIRTS
SWEATER COATS
FINE DRESS SHIRTS
FANCY WOOL UNDERWEAR
RUBBER BOOTS AND SHOES
ETC., ETC.

CHILDREN
TOYS OF ALL KINDS
DOLLS DOLLS
BOOKS GAMES
BALLS GUNS
TOOL CHESTS
TRAINS GUNS
MECHANICAL TOYS
RUBBER BOOTS
COATS CAPS
MITTENS
KNICKERBOCKER SUITS
FINE DRESS SHOES
AND SCUFFERS
HOODS TONES
ETC., ETC.

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