

WILL ACCEPT OLD ORDINANCE

LIGHT AND WATER COMPANY READY TO MEET THE CITY

WHY OLD ORDINANCE FAILED

O. B. Gates Explains Why His Company Did Not File Its Acceptance—Mayor Is Silent.

Nothing that has come to the attention of the business men of the city recently has aroused such interest as the proposition looking toward a reduction in the rate charged for the insurance. Practically every man who has been interviewed on the proposition has expressed himself as favorable to the taking of such steps as will bring about the desired result. The whole question hinges on the contract between the city and the water company. When O. B. Gates, manager of the Light and Water company, was seen this afternoon and asked why his company did not go ahead under the ordinance that was signed by the mayor May 15th, he stated:

"I think that is pretty well understood by the business men of the city. When the first ordinance was passed by the council and certified by the city recorder, I sent it to H. V. Gates for his acceptance. There was a provision in the ordinance that if it were not accepted fifteen days after the mayor signed it, it was null and void. It did not reach Mr. Gates until sixteen days after its passage. It was again signed by the mayor, and this copy was returned to me, bearing the acceptance of the company, but with it came the instructions that it was not to be filed until the franchise passed by the council was signed by Mayor Sanderson as

mayor. This he refused to do. That, of course, disposed of the filing of the accepted ordinance providing for the installation of the hydrants.

"Now, however, we are willing to re-submit this same ordinance to the council, and if it is passed and signed by the mayor we will install the hydrants as provided therein, the only change being desired that we have until next spring to do the work. As I understand it, this concession can be granted without jeopardizing the reduction in the insurance rate, for if the hydrants are ready for use by July 1, 1910, the city will be given the rates desired."

"Will your company submit this ordinance to the council at its next meeting?" was asked Mr. Gates.

"If the mayor, or any member of the council, makes the request, we will do so."

Mayor Sanderson was seen and asked if he would again sign the ordinance, provided it was re-passed by the council. He stated that that was a question he would answer when the ordinance was presented for his signature. He refused to make any statement for publication, preferring to await developments.

Should the ordinance referred to be again passed by the council it would definitely settle the question of fire protection, and at the same time bring about a reduction in the rates charged for insurance. This would be a great relief to the business men of the city and enable them to place larger policies on their merchandise.

A CORRECTION

In last evening's issue of The Herald a typographical error was responsible for the Portland Store offering \$16 and \$18 suits for \$3.85. This should have read \$13.85, the figure 1 having been inadvertently omitted.

FOR OMAHA

Vegetables of every kind and description, sheaves of grain and bunches of grasses are pouring into C. T. Oliver's store and being prepared and rearranged for shipment to the East in the car which the Southern Pacific will furnish for that purpose. All those who have any exhibits which will add in any way to the display should send them in at once, as Monday will be the last day they will be available for the car, which leaves Wednesday morning. Not later than Tuesday, anyway, all the specimens should be in.

THE REDMEN ENTERTAIN

Last night at their hall the Redmen entertained the members of the other different fraternal orders in lavish style. Everything in the way of cigars, card games and other diversions were there for the enjoyment of the guests. A fine supper was served and those who came to share the hospitality of the Redmen went away voting the Indians a pretty fine bunch of fellows.

EXCURSION TO THE ORIENT

The Seattle Commercial Club is organizing an excursion to the Orient for business men, their families and connections, to leave Seattle by the S. S. Minnesota on December 22d and return about March 5th, 1910. The Minnesota will touch at Kobe, Yokohama, Nagasaki, Manila and Hongkong. First-class round trip will be \$250.00. Space for exhibit on board will be provided. Stops will be made of from one to three days at all ports, and seventeen days at Manila. Applications for full particulars and reservations should be made to J. M. Shawhan, chairman of the Publicity Committee, 700 Ellier's Music building, Seattle, Wash.

The Austrian war office has ordered two large dirigible balloons for the army.

RECLAIMING 85,000 ACRES

THIRTY MILES OF CANAL IN LAKE COUNTY

EIGHTEEN-FOOT WIDE DITCH

One of Most Expensive Private Enterprises in Country—Work Goes Through Solid Rock.

The following dispatch to the Portland Journal under the Lakeview date will interest the residents of the Klamath Basin:

Thirty miles of the Cottonwood canal have been finished. The big ditch is 18 feet wide at the bottom, with a minimum wall height of five feet. The canal will take water from Cottonwood river by means of a huge dam and reservoir, and will lead around the foothills on the west side of the valley to the terminal at Thomas creek, into which stream for the present the excess waters of the canal will be turned. It is only one of three systems which ultimately will cover every foot of irrigable land in this valley, 85,000 acres. The present canal will water about 30,000 acres.

For considerable distance after the canal debouches into the valley it is carried alongside the mountain, which required the blasting out of the entire ditch through solid rock. All the rock had to be removed by hand, which made it a very expensive piece of work. Probably twenty miles of the canal is what may be termed dirt work, though in some places the rock, of a water formation, thinly stratified, appears at the surface and this also had to be blasted out.

The work is gigantic, and one of the most expensive private enterprises in the country. The cost will approximate \$500,000. Its value to this valley cannot now be estimated in dollars and cents. The result will be that the vast amount of sagebrush land, now stretched out to the westward of this town, will be made subservient to the needs of men. Where now there is a dozen scant settlers will come hundreds, if not thousands, of people. The sagebrush area, dreary and desolate, the home of the coyote and jackrabbit, will be changed into wheat and hay fields, with many orchards where now but a few fruit trees exist to give promise of the future.

COUNTY TO PAY EXPENSES

The people of Klamath county, through the County Court, have contributed \$150 to help pay the expenses which will be incurred by C. T. Oliver on his trip to Omaha and the East with the car of exhibits sent to show the effects Easterners what can be done on Klamath soil and what is being done right along.

Judge Griffith, in making this contribution toward the expenses of the trip, said: "This money is paid out of the advertising fund, and this exhibit has seemed to be a most desirable plan of advertising the county. The whole county will receive a benefit from it, and hence all should share the expense incidental to it."

It's getting warmer; you may need a fan. They are something new, and make a very nice present. There may be a series of dances this winter, and then your lady will surely need a fan.

At McHatten's.

Don't wear out your back, broom and carpets when you can get the work done so quickly, thoroughly and cheaply by Mcgold's vacuum cleaner.

STRAMBOATING AND COMMERCE ON KLAMATH LAKE

In dealing with this subject one is somewhat handicapped, as much of the available data must be gleaned from those engaged in the lake trade, and the veracity of steamboat men, like that of fishermen, is at times to be doubted.

There is practically little in the subject worthy of mention previous to the advent of the old Alma, a boat of the steam scow model, built by Dan Griffith to run as a tender for his sawmill at Odessa five years ago. The boat did little more than tow lumber scows from the mill to this place for two or three years. Four years ago Tom Staten placed in commission another boat of like pattern, but devoted to the passenger trade. She was called the Jessie, but the career of the boat was short, for she was burned at Eagle Ridge before she had served the public very long.

Soon after the Jessie the Winema was built by Messrs. Hansbury and Totten, and was, when launched, as even now, the commodore ship of the lake both as a freight carrier and for passenger accommodations. She cost in the vicinity of \$10,000 and will be a good boat for some years yet. Until the last season the principal part of her income was derived from carrying excursions up and down the lake; in fact, anything like a freight or passenger traffic might be said to have come in with the Winema.

Soon after the Winema was put in commission an abortive attempt was made by parties not here named to launch upon the waters of this lake "Nym Slocum's Chalk" a boat erroneously called the Black Mariner. She did everything but go ashore and climb trees, and was a total failure.

About this time the Eagle was built by Capt. Alex Nosler, ostensibly for a cruising houseboat, but was bought by parties who placed machinery therein, a stern wheel thereon, and forthwith began to stagnate and silted every kind of business they butted into, and soon got the record as "hoodoo ship" of all the Klamath waters. She was never successful beyond making a record like a checkered board until Captain Wickstrom, a thorough navigator, bought her last spring, since when she has done a splendid business, having since last June handled over a thousand tons of freight and made a mileage of over two thousand miles with no serious accidents or mishaps. So much for a captain who understands his business.

The Mazama was built by Capt. Alex Nosler for Messrs. Parker & Taylor of Ft. Klamath, at a cost of \$7,000. She has the distinction of being the only twin propeller boat in Klamath waters. She was built for the Wood river trade, and under the able management of her owners is filling her mission well. She is a staunch boat and will do service a long time with the irreplaceable Capt. Parker at the wheel—a man who has had much salt water in his whiskers in past years, which goes well with a pleasant and accommodating nature. He is a man who commands the highest respect of all the ladies, with no man his enemy.

A NAVIGATOR.

Our stock of lumber is now complete. We have everything necessary to build a house including rustic two-lap siding, ceiling, pine and No. 1 vertical grain fir flooring. Will have in a few days slash grain fir finishing lumber and cheaper grade of vertical grain fir flooring.

C. E. & R. E. MOORE.

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• Hansen, Walker and Nap-
• a-Tan Shog at the E. E. E.
• Store. "You can't better the
• best."
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HOEY AND ERICKSON BUY THE ROYSE RANCH

Pay a Good Big Price for Property at Headwaters of the Deschutes.

H. P. Hoey, chief engineer of the California Northwestern, and Chas. Erickson, one of the contractors engaged in building that road, have purchased the George Royse ranch, located at the junction of the two forks of the Deschutes river. The price paid was \$6,000.

The location of the ranch is ideal, controlling, as it does, the waters of the two streams that join at this point to form the Deschutes river. What the purpose of the purchase is no information is forthcoming. Mr. Hoey is in Springfield looking after the work on that end of the railroad, and Mr. Erickson could not be found today.

Several conclusions can be drawn from the purchase. Either Messrs. Hoey and Erickson saw an opportunity to make a profitable investment and took advantage of it, or they purchased the property on instructions from superiors for the purpose of either establishing a town there or blocking the progress of the Oregon Trunk on its way to this city.

No section of Klamath county, unless it is Crater lake, has more attractive surroundings than are to be found in the neighborhood of the Royse ranch. For years it has been the mecca of the sportsmen who delighted in getting away from the beaten paths and reveling in the pastime of fishing and hunting. Crescent and Odaji lakes, located but a short distance from this property, are noted for their fish, and the timber surrounding is filled with all kinds of game.

AT THE OPERA HOUSE

"Out of Work," a stirring drama, and another very interesting film telling the vivid story of the life of a trainer, entitled "The Heart of a Racetrack Tout," are the first on the program tonight. Then one of those uproarious comedies that end in a terrible roughhouse, "Free Champagne," and a touching story of stage life, "The Actor's Mother."

Maid Marion, the charming and accomplished little dancer, who has delighted the many patrons of the Opera House so often with her cute ways and naive graces, will sing and dance tonight. This little gem is certainly one of the most accomplished and clever little dancers ever seen in the city, and the whirlwind manner in which she turns cartwheels and does other equally difficult stunts has pleased everyone.

REVISING THE CITY CHARTER

COMMISSION MAY COMPLETE ITS WORK

OLD LAW A STUMBLING BLOCK

Good Program Has Already Been Made and Very Little Remains Yet to Be Done.

Many months ago the council appointed a charter commission whose office it was to prepare for submission to the voters of the city a new charter for Klamath Falls. A great deal of work was done, but the labor of the commission were never completed. The imperative need for a new charter has again brought the matter to the attention of the city officials and the members of the commission, and steps are now being taken to perfect the document so that it can be submitted for the consideration of the voters of the city.

One of the leading spirits in the effort to again interest the members of the commission in this work is Mayor Sanderson. In the discharge of the duties of his office he is continually running up against some provisions of the old charter that effectively prevent his carrying out plans for the betterment of the affairs of the city, or else he finds that he has no authority to proceed with his work.

The city charter is a good deal like the state constitution—badly in need of repair. It was made for a town, with little provision for the future. When the growth of the city demanded a change in affairs the old charter was always a stumbling block, and so great a nuisance has it become that little headway can be made until a new charter is adopted by the people of the city.

The work of the commission is laborious and was undertaken from purely patriotic motives. As far as it has gone it has done the work well, and if the members of the commission can be prevailed upon to complete the task the result will doubtless be a blessing to the city, and one that will be fully appreciated by the citizens.

The Morning Express intimates that there will be a marriage performed Christmas Day in this city. It seems quite probable.

E. E. Courtright and J. W. Craig are in the city from Merrill attending to business matters.

Christmas Goods Toys and Dolls



Greatest assortment of useful gifts for the young and old ever shown in this city now on display and ready for your inspection. You will have no trouble doing your Christmas shopping at this store—and REMEMBER the grand premiums we are going to give away: First, Choice between Ladies' and Gents' \$25 Tailored Suit. Second, Choice between Doll and Carriage and Doll and Automobile

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