

WILKINS AGAINST WASTE BY COUNCIL

IS AFTER ECONOMY

WHEN IT PRODUCES GOOD GOVERNMENT, AND IS NOT OPPROBRIATED TO COMMISSION FORM OF ADMINISTRATION

Colonel M. G. Wilkins, member of council from the First ward, said this morning that the reason the council held a star chamber session on the proposed new charter was that the council was unable to control the newspapers.

"The Chronicle especially believes that nothing the council does is right," he declared. "We got together in the hope that whatever work we had to do in the charter matter we meet with more favor when it comes before us in regular session than if it was all fought out in the ordinary sessions."

"It's a pretty hard task to get all the men on the council to agree. It is harder to get ten men to be of the same mind than it is to get five. Since the city took in more wards and has had more councilmen, the difficulty of satisfying the board is made greater."

"You take five good men and let them manage the affairs of the city as they would their own business, and it will be found easier to get them to see a thing in the same light than it does twice that number. We thought that a quiet little meeting to talk over charter matters without publicity would be a sensible thing, and we hid it. Mr. White was not with us. He was invited, but did not come, although the opportunity was given him. He is opposed to most everything the council does, in fact. He is very strong for the commission form of government, and does not believe in anything else."

"I am not opposed to the commission form of government; in fact, I would favor any form of government which would save the taxpayers money. All these expenses of the city ought to be incurred with care and consideration. There's no question but what there has been extravagance and waste in some things. There are a great many branches which ought to be lopped off."

"This thing of condemning the council by wholesale is hardly a just or decent course. There are men on the council who are as vitally interested in the welfare of the city as others, and who wish to act in accordance with that interest. The Chronicle complains that there are some very weak spots in the council, and calls attention to the members from the First ward (Wilkins and Alford) as being particularly lacking in ability to cope with their duties. However, they are property owners, and wish as much as anybody to see the city go ahead on an economical basis. The men from the Second ward (Crisler and Fielder) are also large property holders, and as all the expenses come out of the pockets of the taxpayers, surely these men are not anxious to do anything which would even indirectly cause themselves extra expense."

"The more men there are on the council just so many more are there that will be 'worked.' I know that some of them have been 'worked' for favors. The less men there are the less of this there will be to contend with. "As to this city water plant proposition, I regard that as a good deal of a bluff, and do not think it will result in the city getting a water supply of its own. But it has had the effect of setting the water company in motion. The company has no franchise, although it is true that the city holds \$10,000 of the company's bonds. These are all the bonds that there are. The city gave the company \$10,000 in money to help it get on its feet, and took the bonds in lieu of the loan. The rest of the company's capitalization is in stock. If the water company were to go to smash the city would lose the \$10,000. "But the bluff toward a city water supply has, it is true, cost the city probably \$800 to \$1,000, and certainly has been worth something to the city, as it has put some energy into the company toward doing something to better the supply that the people are being furnished."

"The new charter will contain a good many things that the old one has. I, for one, believe that the old charter is as solid as a rock. However, we are going ahead to get a new one. I believe that it will fix the city's bond limit at about \$500,000."

The present charter fixes the bond limit at \$150,000, until the population reaches 7,000, when the bond limit may be increased to \$200,000.

PIANOS TO BURN, AND IT'S NO IRIDISCENT VISION

Bunch of Old-Fashioned Square Ones Will Be Piled Fifty Feet High and Torch Applied for Edification of Dealers' Convention

ATLANTIC CITY, Jan. 26.—More than 300 old square grand pianos will go up in smoke here during the convention of the National Piano Dealers' Association in May.

The instruments will be shipped from all parts of the country, placed in a heap fifty feet high on the edge of the meadows, and the torch will be applied.

CLAIMS MAN TO DEATH AND WALKS MILES TO SURRENDER

United Press Service
FRESNO, Jan. 25.—Joseph E. Martin Corpio, jailed as the murderer of Marcel Marino, whom he says he killed with a club two days ago at Wood Camp near Medota, claims that Marino attempted to kill him with a shotgun. He walked in to surrender.

DIXON OF OLENE FOR ASSESSOR

WELL KNOWN YOUNG MAN AFTER LEE'S PLACE, AND BISHOP MAY STRIVE TO SUCCEED SHERIFF BARNES

Samuel Dixon, the well known young Olene rancher, has decided that he will run for assessor of Klamath county on the Republican ticket. He will oppose Captain J. P. Lee, the present assessor, who is a democrat, and has determined to seek another term. Mr. Dixon is an old resident of this county, and a member of a family which has been identified with local history. He expects to make an aggressive canvass, and stir up a good pile of votes. No other candidate but the two named have as yet been recorded authentically.

B. St. George Bishop is still in the city from his homestead on Upper Klamath Lake, and says he may run for sheriff if he finds the situation at-

tractive. It is believed among many of the political sign watchers that he does so consider it, and will be among the first and foremost in the scrap, which is promised to be one of the most joyful and alluring ever seen in Klamath county.

ANOTHER BAND CONCERT

The program for the band concert next Sunday at 2:30 p. m. at the pavilion, follows:
March, "Loyal Americans. King. Selection—"Woodland." Leaders.
Entr' Acte, "Bewitching Beauty," Laurendeau.
"Gypsiana" Waltzes. Sangler. Humoreske. Gvorak.
Medley of Southern Plantation Songs.
"Star Spangled Banner."

FIGHT HOME RULE OBJECT OF MANITOBA ORANGEMEN

Collect \$5,000 at Grand Lodge Meeting Which Is to Be Used for Hall and Speakers in Work to Be Done in England

WINNIPEG, Manitoba, Jan. 26.—Orangemen in Manitoba have a fund of \$5,000 with which to fight home rule. The amount was collected last March at their grand lodge, and will be used to defray the cost of a hall and speakers in England.

HIGH SCHOLARS DEBATE TONIGHT

JACKSON AND KLAMATH COUNTY TEAMS WILL COMPETE FOR HONORS IN DEBATING TARIFF ISSUE

This is the night for the friends of the high schools pupils and all others who are interested in public speaking to attend the opera house and listen to reasons, pro and con, relative to whether this government should lean toward free trade or stay by a protective tariff.

The visitors will argue for a tendency to open ports, while the local speakers will speak for protection. The visiting team came in yesterday from Ashland, and consist of J. F. Mowatt, Vernon Blue and Walker Thorn. The team is accompanied by its coach, Professor L. E. Moore, and represents Jackson county tonight in an effort to overthrow the best efforts of the Klamath County high school team. The local debaters will be Florence Short, Forrest Peil and Edwin Cox. There is great local interest in the debate, and it is assured that the opera house will be crowded.

HADLEY WANTS PRESIDENCY CLAIM FOLLOWERS OF TAFT

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 25.—Taftites declare that Governor Hadley is trying to create a situation leading to his own presidential nomination. They charge him with breach of faith. They say the Hadleyites think Roosevelt, realizing that he cannot get the nomination, will support Hadley.

HUSBAND'S "WICKED EYES" CAUSE WOMAN'S HYSTERIA

Spokane "Spinster Bride" Asking Los Angeles Judge for Guardian, Appeals to Be Kept at Distance from Bridegroom

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 26.—Mrs. Margaret Armstrong Howell, the Spokane "spinster bride," is recovering from hysteria which seized her when brought face to face with her husband in Judge Rives' court, where she is petitioning for a guardian.

"Oh, stand between me and that awful man!" she cried to her attorney when Howell appeared.

She then testified that she had not recognized that Howell had "wicked eyes" while he was importuning her to marry him. "But I do now," she cried. "Oh, Loo now!"

Women friends took charge of Mrs. Howell at the conclusion of the session, and took her to their home.

DEMURRER GOOD COURT SUSTAINS

CIRCUIT JUDGE BENSON DETERMINES THAT LEASE OF ADY WITH LISKEY DOES NOT SUPPORT CLAIM

Judge Henry L. Benson this afternoon, in the case of Abel Ady vs. August Liskey, sustained the demurrer entered by Attorney J. C. Rutenic and J. S. Kent, to the lease involved in the case. Ady sued by Attorney John Irwin for \$9,850, claiming that he was to have the second alfalfa crop for seed, but the defendant's attorneys demurred that there was nothing in the lease to support the claim made. That section of the lease reads as follows:

"The lessee as a rental and in consideration of the foregoing, promises and agrees to turn over, at the proper time, each harvest, to said lessor, one fourth of all crops raised on said land with the exception of such part of the second crop of alfalfa as may be selected for seed, which portion the lessor is to cut and harvest at his own expense, the balance of such crops as are raised on said land during said term to be the property of the lessee; the lessee to clear not to exceed fifteen acres now in brush on said land, and to plow, seed and harvest all tillable land in a good and husbandlike manner, and to commit no strip or waste of said premises."

Judge Benson wrote this opinion: "The contention of plaintiff is that he is entitled to a second cutting of alfalfa on the terms of the lease. It is the contention of defendant that if he is entitled to a fourth of the crop of alfalfa, he can recover the same by a second cutting, unless it appears in the lease that such has been agreed to. "It follows, therefore, that the court, in order to sustain plaintiff's complaint, must find that the written lease that the plaintiff is entitled to the entire second cutting of alfalfa, upon notice of his election to do so."

"The court cannot find from the language of the lease, that when so selected, cut and harvested the product is to be the property of the lessor. This the court cannot do without reading into the lease language that is not there. It follows that the demurrer must be sustained."

ELKS WILL MASK AND MAKE MERRY

FROLIC TONIGHT AT PAVILION PROMISES TO BE GREAT EVENT FOR MEMBERS AND THEIR FEMININITY

Tonight the Elks lodge of this city will celebrate by giving a mask ball in the pavilion, at which a large attendance is expected. There are promised some unique costumes and a generally salubrious time for all in attendance, but, hearken, it is only for Elks and their wives and sweethearts, and not for the rank and file.

The affair will be sort of in the nature of an added celebration of the fact that the Elks are now free from debt, and can cavort and frisk without danger of causing frowns from creditors. It will be some occasion, be assured from this feuilleton.

CONFESSION REPUDIATED BY SARTORIAL FIREBUG

He's in Hospital Now, and Declares That He Does Not Remember Making Such Acknowledgment—Gives Naive Reason for Suicide Attempt

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 26.—Now denying absolutely that he is guilty of arson, David Abrams, the tailor who confessed to firing the Broadway flats, for which crime Mrs. Nettie Rouda was at first arrested, has repudiated that confession. Abrams is in the Emergency hospital.

"I don't remember making or signing any confession," Abrams declared. "If I did I was not in my right senses."

I attempted to take my life simply because I have thought of suicide for some time."

Mrs. Rouda is consulting her attorneys with a view to bringing suit for damages against the city for false arrest and imprisonment.

Do you ever hear of a city which had used the commission form of government which did not find it far superior to the ordinary, old-fashioned kind of administration? It's simply the proposition of the laborer being worthy of his hire, and being able to engage the right sort of men to give ALL their time to the city's business.

MCMNAMARA CHECK BOOK WANTED BY GRAND JURY

Attorney for Convict, However, Declares That If Compelled to Produce It He Will Be Violating Professional Confidence with Anarchist

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 26.—Arguments in Federal Judge Anderson's court on Rappaport's petition to quash the grand jury subpoena ordering him to produce John McNamara's check book. Rappaport declared that if he produced the book he violated his professional confidence.

Judge Anderson ordered Rappaport to produce the checkbook.

BARNES RETURNS FROM PORTLAND

SHERIFF SAYS REVOCATION OF COMMISSION OF POLICE CHIEF AS DEPUTY SHERIFF WAS FRIENDLY

Sheriff William B. Barnes was returned from a trip to Portland, whither he went with a couple of prisoners. While he was away he looked around the Puget Sound country some.

In regard to the revocation of the deputy sheriff's commission held by Chief of Police Samuel L. Walker, which the chief has held ever since the sheriff took office, almost four years ago, the sheriff says the proposition was a perfectly friendly one.

"When Walker became chief of police I thought it was proper to separate the two offices absolutely, and for that reason took the action," said the sheriff. "It seemed to me better to have the two offices work distinctly without possibility of entanglement. It might be possible for something to come up which would get the two mixed, and that's what I desired to avoid. All is friendly between us, and there is no friction whatever." Chief Walker, when asked about the matter, was unable to give any reason why his tenure of office should have been terminated by the sheriff.

Professor Parker of Columbia and another party have sailed from Seattle for Alaska to organize an expedition to try to scale Mt. McKinley.

At New York the state athletic commission this afternoon suspended Abe Attel for six months for faking a fight with "Knockout" Brown.

REBELS GAIN WHEN CELESTIALS CLASH

Many Believe Sun Yat Sen Was Subsidized, and Lay Failure of Peace Negotiations to His Willingness to Hurd Those After Concessions

SHANGHAI, Jan. 26.—Today the republicans moved against the Peking column en route northward from Shantung. They encountered the imperialists midway between Nanking and Tientsin.

In a desperate clash the imperialist machine guns raked the rebels, who routed the imperialists, nevertheless.

Fuchang telegraphs that the main section of the rebel army had started, with General Li Yuap Hung commanding. It is plentifully supplied with ammunition and artillery. Say Standard Oil Subsidizing The Shanghai Gazette charges the

ELKS, FREE OF DEBT, HOLD CELEBRATION

Standard Oil and other concession-seekers with being responsible for the failure of peace negotiations.

As a result it is feared that the foreign sentiment is intensified.

Many think Dr. Sun heeded the men wanting concessions.

It is understood that international financiers, including Standard Oil, contributed to Sun's expenses, and that he stood pat as a result of their influence.

NURSES STILL IN BONDAGE, DESPITE ITALY'S PROMISES

United Press Service
ROME, Jan. 25.—The twenty-nine nurses for the Turks were not released, despite the Italian promise. The French ambassador, Barreere conferred this afternoon with Premier Gioiotti and the foreign minister at Sanguliano. An amicable settlement is expected.

Remember the dance at Houston's opera house Saturday night. Music by White Pelican orchestra.

Band Concert at Pavilion, Sunday afternoon at 2:30.

HOLD UP WAS JOKE THOSE GUILTY, WHEN FOUND SAY

Young Men Who Hobbed Cafe Are Just Out of Their Teens, Have Fun in a Unique Manner, and Are Freed on Making Restitution

HUNTINGTON, Ore., Jan. 26.—The men found guilty of holding up the Oregon cafe in this city have been located by the officials.

They were found to be two local young men just out of their teens. One of them had just established a small business. Part of the money was found in their possession. They claim it was a joke, and in consideration of the return of the loot there is to be no prosecution.

Billy Dolaney, famous prizefight promoter, who brought out Jeffries, died Wednesday night at Oakland of liver trouble. He slept away after being ill for weeks.

PLUMB TO LEAVE WITH BROTHER

MAN WHO WAS SEVERELY ILL WITH BLOOD POISONING, RECOVERS SUFFICIENTLY TO MAKE TRIP

C. O. Plumb, who has been recuperating from blood poisoning resulting from being struck by a piece of wood when he was working at the Lost River dam, expects to leave tonight with his brother for Macdoel, Calif., near which place his brother lives.

Mr. Plumb was at one time in a dangerous condition, and his recovery was largely due to the efforts of Dr. Leo W. Chilton and Miss K. L. McGrath, his nurse.

Federal Judge Hough at New York dismissed the writ of habeas corpus that attorney George Gordon Battle secured to have John McNamara, the New Westminster bank robber, admitted to bail, pending final disposition of his case.

Gaby Deslys Weds American Dancer After Casting Aside King Manuel

United Press Service
NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—Gaby Deslys cabled to theatrical friends from London: "Married Harry Pilcer this morning. Am very happy." Pilcer is an ex-member of the West-

LODGE ROOM PACKED

WITH MEMBERS WHO GATHER TO WITNESS CEREMONY OF BURNING NOTES WHICH SYMBOLIZED OBLIGATIONS

Last night was a great event in the history of the Elks Lodge of Klamath Falls, it being the time set for the celebration of the paying off of the indebtedness of the lodge, due to installation expenses, and the burning of the notes. The entire lodge room was literally packed with members of the order and visiting brothers, all imbued with a feeling of pride and gladness to be able to announce to the world that the Elks of Klamath Falls had made good and had been able in the short space of six months to wipe out every cent of indebtedness caused by the instituting and organization of the lodge. The members are also proud of the fact that they have an exceptionally comfortable home that is open every day and evening of the week for the enjoyment and social intercourse of all Elks.

Klamath Lodge No. 1247 was instituted on June 26, 1911, with 74 charter members. Today the lodge has 158 live, hustling, enthusiastic members, with new classes being taken in every weekly meeting.

Exalted Ruler E. B. Hall, after the regular business of the lodge, explained to the members in a short address how the money had been raised for instituting Klamath Lodge No. 1247, and told of some of the early difficulties which were overcome by the charter members. He gave a plain, personal talk to the individual members of the local lodge, and outlined a policy which he advised them to follow in the future. Now that the necessary indebtedness of organizing the lodge had been wiped out, he believed they should pay for everything as they went along, and keep out of debt.

After the finish of his talk the ceremony of burning the redeemed notes was carried out, and was officiated in by the four principal officers of the lodge. Exalted Ruler Hall, Esteemed Leading Knight W. H. Dolbeer, Esteemed Loyal Knight Hunter Sevidge and Esteemed Lecturing Knight Chas. I. Roberts, each bearing a \$500 note, marched from their several stations to the center of the room, meeting at the altar, where they placed the paper on a metal tray. When the match was applied by the exalted ruler every Elk in the room was on his feet, and amid cheers and rejoicing, watched until the last flicker of the flames proclaimed that the mortal remains of the debt of Klamath Lodge No. 1247 was no more. Later in the evening the ashes were taken in charge by Coroner Whitlock, and will be properly sealed in a glass jar and kept as a reminder to the members of the early history of the lodge.

In the absence of Judge Henry L. Benson, who was to have addressed the meeting, Chas. J. Ferguson was called upon and gave a short history of the lodge, in which he told of the struggles and hardships overcome by the small band of Elks who first conceived the idea of rounding up the stray "Elks" in an organization, which, when Klamath Falls would reach the proper size, would be the nucleus of an Elks Lodge. The Antlers Club was the result, and mention was made of the misunderstanding among outsiders of the real purpose and principles of Elkhdom. Even after Klamath Falls reached sufficient population to secure a charter, it was not

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Governor Glasscock Sees Teddy, Has Lunch, Also Quiet Conference

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—Colonel Roosevelt participated in an important conference with Governor Glasscock, who recently declared the Colonel the logical candidate.

It is reported that he asked the Colonel to tell him and five other governors whether he would accept the nomination if it were tendered him.

The best and latest music at the White Pelican Orchestra's dance Saturday.

der-Garder company here, and is an athletic dancer. Friends think the pair were married in London. They are now en route to Paris. Gaby is a French singer and dancer who led King Manuel of Portugal a merry pace, and finally off the throne.