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FIGURE IT OUT FOR YOURSELF

ACCORDING to the provisions of the new charter for the city of Klamath Falls drawn up by the mayor and city attorney, the people of this city are asked to pass a law authorizing the increasing of the indebtedness to \$550,000, and this in addition to the \$700,000 or more which has been expended for street improvements, and for which the property benefitted is assessed, and will have to pay in ten annual installments.

Without prejudice and in all seriousness we believe that the mayor is affected with a disease or mania for spending money, which, if not curtailed immediately will bankrupt and place a burden on the people of this city which it will take a life time to discharge.

Five hundred and fifty thousand dollars' indebtedness for this city would mean an annual interest charge alone of \$33,000, or more than the total revenue of the city, and in addition to this there will be the general running expenses of the municipality which will have to be met.

Now, if Mayor Sanderson does not expect to take advantage of the opportunity to mortgage the city to the extent of \$550,000 we see no reason why he should ask for this authority in the new charter. It is quite evident that he does wish to take advantage of it to the limit from the fact that his main argument for a new charter has been because under the present charter the authorized bond indebtedness was not sufficient to permit him to make the improvements that he wished.

Now, we will see if he is right. Under the present charter the city is permitted to issue \$150,000 in bonds and \$50,000 in warrants, or a total of \$200,000. The warrant indebtedness is already exceeded; \$49,000 sewer bonds have been sold and \$10,000 water bonds, totaling \$59,000. It has been voted to issue \$45,000 in bonds for a new city hall and fire apparatus, which would bring the amount up to \$95,000, and would leave \$55,000 for building new sewer systems.

It would seem that this would be amply sufficient to complete the sewers of the city, but if more money was needed, why would it not be good policy to dispense with the building of a city hall for the present? It has been several years since the city hall bonds were voted by the people, and the same have not been disposed of up to the present time, and the city is getting along very nicely in its present quarters. The officials are now provided with comfortable, roomy quarters, which are costing about \$30 a month, or \$360 a year. The interest on \$30,000 bonds would be \$1,800 a year, and by using the present quarters a saving could be made of about \$1,500 a year, which would be a great help toward meeting the running expenses of the city, and would not deprive the property owners of any necessary improvement.

Klamath Falls is growing and will continue to grow rapidly for years to come. In ten years this city will have a population of from 50,000 to 75,000 people, and a city hall built at this time and suitable to the needs of the present time would hardly be fit for a wood shed for the city in eight or ten years. We would then find that we would need a new city home, and had not even the interest on the old one paid for, to say nothing of the principal.

In spending money it is always wise first to sit down and figure what your income is, and in no case exceed that amount. Of course the annual income of this city can naturally be expected to increase from year to year, as the city grows and property values increase, but under the most favorable of conditions it will never be sufficient for several years to warrant an indebtedness of over half a million dollars. With our limit of indebtedness under the present charter of \$200,000 the interest alone would amount to \$12,000 a year. To pay this principal off in twenty years there should be set aside each year \$10,000, and in addition to this there will be the running expenses to be taken care of. Now, we would ask Mayor Sanderson to subtract this amount from the annual revenue of the city and tell the people where we get off.

MILE HIGH IS ARMY LIMIT FOR MILITARY AVIATORS

Commanders Believe It to Be Unwise and Dangerous to Foster Competition in Regard to Altitude Attained, Hence the Order

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 26.—Army aviators, in future, will not fly over one mile high.

This order was issued by Brigadier General Allen, in charge of the aviation corps, following a report from the army aviation school at Augusta, Ga., where experiments have been in progress for some time, regarding the best heights for air pilots to maintain to reconnoitre. The best flying, experts agree, is done between 1,000 feet and 5,280 feet in the air, and, it being considered unwise and dangerous to foster competition regarding altitudes attained, orders have been issued forbidding government aviators exceeding one mile above the earth.

It has been found that excellent photographs may be attained from the 3,000-4,000 foot levels, and that at 4,500 feet an airship painted with gray aeroplane paint is practically invisible, even on a bright day. Experiments now in progress promise the early perfection of an aluminum motor, which will be almost noiseless, and which will further decrease the likelihood of the discovery of an aeroplane by the enemy.

Political Announcements

For Prosecuting Attorney

For District Attorney for Klamath and Lake counties, Oregon, on the Republican ticket, JOHN IRWIN, subject to the primary nomination to be held on April 19, 1912.

I hereby respectfully announce myself a candidate for the republican nomination for Prosecuting Attorney for Klamath and Lake counties, subject to the will of the voters at the primary election to be held on the 19th of April, 1912. D. V. KUYKENDALL.

For County Treasurer

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination for Treasurer of Klamath County on the Republican ticket, subject to the will of the people at primary election to be held on April 19, 1912. JAY MANNING.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination for Treasurer of Klamath County on the Democratic ticket, subject to the will of the people at primary election to be held on April 19, 1912. C. H. DAGGETT.

For Assessor

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the nomination for Assessor of Klamath county on the Democratic ticket, subject to the will of the people at the primary election to be held on April 19, 1912. J. P. LEE.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the republican nomination for County Assessor, subject to the will of the voters at the primary election to be held on April 19, 1912. R. C. COWLEY.

For Sheriff

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the Republican nomination for Sheriff of Klamath county, subject to the will of the voters at the primary election to be held April 19, 1912. OSCAR L. CARTER.

B. St. George Bishop hereby announces himself as a candidate for Sheriff on the Democratic ticket, subject to the action of the voters at the primary election to be held on the 19th day of April, 1912.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the nomination for sheriff on the Republican ticket, subject to the will of the voters at the primary election to be held on April 19, 1912. C. C. LOW.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the nomination for Sheriff of on the Republican ticket, subject to the will of the voters at the primary election to be held on April 19, 1912. B. S. ORIGSBY.

For State Representative

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of State Representative in the Twenty-First Representative District, including Lake, Klamath, Crook and Grant counties, on the Republican ticket, subject to the will of the voters at the primary election to be held on April 19, 1912. WESLEY O. SMITH

WILSON STRONGEST MAN BEFORE PEOPLE SO FAR

California Senator, Caminetti, Asserts That Executive of Mosquito State is Able to Defeat Either Taft or Roosevelt

United Press Service

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 26.—Woodrow Wilson is the strongest man with the people who has been mentioned for the presidency, and in due time Mr. Bell will discover it," was the statement of Senator Caminetti at the capitol.

"Those who favor Wilson are saying so openly, and are giving reasons based on their man's record of legislation secured in his present term as governor of New Jersey. They are not ostensibly booming one candidate and secretly working for another. I believe Wilson would defeat either Roosevelt or Taft."

SPEECH FROM PEERLESS LOSER WILL BE ASKED

Silver-Tongued Teller From Nebraska to Invade Moist City of Seattle Shortly, and May Talk in Behalf of Giff's Opponent for Mayor

SEATTLE, Feb. 26.—William J. Bryan, who is due in Portland February 29th, will be asked to speak here in behalf of George F. Cotterill, nominated for mayor at Tuesday's primaries, who is running against former Mayor Hiram C. Gill.



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