

Warrants of This City to be Worth Par

New City Charter Provides for the Bonding of City to Wipe Out Debts

UNITED STATES MAY MEDIATE IN BALKAN DISPUTE

INABILITY OF THE ENVOYS TO AGREE IS UNCERTAIN

Serbian Envoy Edges the Selection of This Country, But Fears That Great Distance Might Handicap the Commissioners From This Country. Unfamiliarity With Conditions May Be Factor.

United Press Service
LONDON, Dec. 17.—The United States has been suggested as a mediator in the Turkish-Balkan states dispute on account of the apparent inability of the envoys to agree.

M. Novakovich, the Serbian envoy, declared that the "choice of the United States would be excellent, but the American commissioners would probably be hampered on account of the distance and their unfamiliarity with conditions."

JACK LAUGHLIN PAINFULLY HURT

WELL KNOWN LIVERYMAN IS KNOCKED DOWN BY A HORSE. HAS A FRACTURED RIB AND BADLY CUT HEAD

Jack Laughlin sustained a fractured rib and a badly cut head by being stepped on by a horse early this morning. Laughlin and another workman at the Mammoth stable were harnessing a team when one of the horses apparently becoming frightened, broke out of the harness, narrowly missed stepping on Laughlin's helper, struck Jack with his front feet and walked over him. Dr. Hamilton is attending the injured man.

"Ham" Again Pinched
Charged with selling whiskey on Sunday, J. H. Hamilton, colored, was arrested this morning by Police Chief Smith. He will be tried on the police court this afternoon.

According to Smith, "Ham" sold whiskey to W. W. Lightbody on Sunday last.

PEACE ENVOYS ARE QUARRELING

TURKS OBJECT TO THE PRESENCE OF GREEK ENVOYS, AND WORD IS WAITED FROM CONSTANTINOPLE AS TO COURSE

United Press Service
LONDON, Dec. 17.—The envoys of the Balkan states today voted to quit the peace conference if Turkey does not surrender Adrianople.

The Bulgarian frontier question will be the first under consideration. Bulgaria demands Thrace and part of Macedonia.

Foreign ambassadors assembled informally this morning in an effort to adjust the Austrian-Serbian trouble. The peace envoys were in conference for three hours this morning, and then adjourned until Thursday. The Turks objected to the presence of the Greek envoys because Greece had not signed the armistice. The Turks threatened to leave the conference, but other envoys induced the mtg stay until advised from Constantinople. If word from the capital repudiates the Greeks the conference will come to an end.

The envoys agreed to ask Lord Grey to appoint an Englishman to be secretary of the conference.

The credentials of the envoys include the power to negotiate peace and sign a final treaty. Danoff presided.

Warning European capitalists not to meddle with the peace negotiations if they do not wish a renewal of the fighting, Danoff addressed the conference. He declared that capitalists were aiding Turkey.

"We concede the minor demands," he said, "but the sultan must grant our principal demands, including the disposition of Salonika and Albania. If Turkey refuses to accept the boundaries we propose, we will order that Adrianople be besieged."

CREAMERY TRUST PROBED

United States Attorney Starts an Investigation

United Press Service
PORTLAND, Dec. 17.—United States District Attorney John McCourt is investigating the alleged creamery combine in Portland under the direction of the department of justice and following complaints that prices had been boosted after the formation of the combine. The result of the investigation has not been announced.

GOVERNMENT BOAT STARTS SEARCH

MISSING AVIATOR AND NEWSPAPER MAN ARE STILL MISSING. REVENUE CUTTER ORDERED TO THE SCENE

United Press Service
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—Orders to send a revenue cutter to search for Essey and Lawrence were received here from Secretary McVeagh today. The cutter McCullough will be sent.

California congressmen and newspaper men urged McVeagh to act.

Elks to Entertain

Members of the cast and chorus that produced "The Mikado" for the Elks last week, will be the guests of the Klamath Falls Lodge B. P. O. E. at the Elks Club this evening. An elaborate entertainment has been planned by the Elks to show their appreciation, and the evening's program includes cards, dancing, impromptu stunts and a banquet.

Rates Unreasonable

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Answering the complaint of the Baker City, Oregon, Commercial Club, the interstate commerce commission declared today that the class rates from Baker City to points on the Oregon Short Line between Olds Ferry, Idaho, and Vale, Oregon, were unreasonable.

COUNCIL AWARDS PRINTING JOB

NEW CHARTER WILL BE PRINTED BY THE W. O. SMITH PRINTING CO.—THE LAW IS EXPLAINED TO COUNCIL

"I'd like to call the attention of the council to page 30, section 11 of the charter, regarding publications," said Councilman Savidge after the W. O. Smith Printing company's bid for printing the charters had been read. "According to this, all publications must be made by the city official newspaper."

"There is a great deal of difference between the printing of the charter and the printing of notices," explained Judge Leavitt. "The charter printing comes under the head of job work."

"Well, I'm satisfied. I merely wanted it explained," replied Savidge.

The bid of the Smith Printing company was the only one received. The work of printing 1,100 copies of the charter at \$2.95 per page was awarded this firm by the council.

PAVING CONCERN WANTS ITS MONEY

OVER \$6,500 IS STILL DUE THE WARREN CONSTRUCTION CO. COUNCIL INSTRUCTS RECORDER TO ACT

In order to clear up the indebtedness on several of the paving units, the city council instructed Judge Leavitt to use whatever means necessary to enforce payment. Under the terms of the charter, the cost of the paving assessed to each property owner is a lien against his property, and can be foreclosed.

Herman Force of the Warren Construction company stated that there is a little over \$6,500 due his company in some of the districts, and the delinquent parties seem loath to pay.

CITY TREASURER EXPLAINS POINT OF NEW CHARTER

NO DIFFICULTY ANTICIPATED IN SELLING BONDS

Instead of Paying on Overcharge of 20 Per Cent, City Will Be Placed on a Cash Basis, and Not Needed Supplies the Same as an Individual. The Plan is Approved by Captain Hanson

City warrants will be accepted at par if the new charter is adopted by the voters of the city, according to City Treasurer J. W. Hanson, who has given the matter careful attention.

"Under the provisions of the new charter, it is possible for the city to bond itself to pay off its warrant indebtedness," said Mr. Hanson today.

Bird Island Famous as Refuge for Birds

State Game Warden Tells of the Audubon Society. New Bird Reserves are Now Being Planned

About nine years ago Uncle Sam became actively interested in the protection of wild birds. This interest was brought about because of various species of game birds, as well as song and insect-eating birds, were rapidly decreasing, while insect pests were increasing in immense numbers.

Uncle Sam has recently estimated that the annual loss to agricultural and horticultural interests in this country amounts to \$420,000,000.

The National Association of Audubon Societies, which was organized for the protection of wild birds and animals, began the campaign a number of years ago to get certain refuges or retreats, where no hunting or killing beneficial birds was allowed at any season of the year.

The first national wild bird reservation was set aside March 14, 1902, by a special proclamation of the president. Since that time fifty-five other reservations have been created solely for the protection of wild birds. These embrace rocky islands, sand beaches, lakes, marshes and other places that are of no agricultural value, reaching from Florida to Alaska, and over to the Hawaiian Islands. Many of these are the ancestral breeding places of birds, some of which are almost exterminated by plume hunters.

"The largest and best national wild bird reservation is the Audubon refuge at Klamath Falls, and Manager Robertson was asked if arrangements could be made with his company for the operation of the system. He was unable to give definite information, but has wired the Portland office of the company, and will be able to give the council positive information in a few days.

Under this system, every telephone in the city is a fire alarm station. The person reporting a fire calls central and tells the ward number. A general alarm and the ward number is then automatically sounded by the alarm bell.

SYSTEM OF FIRE ALARM WANTED

CITY COUNCIL RECEIVES BIDS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF DEVICES—TWO PLANS ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION

The future fire alarm system for Klamath Falls had a big inning at last night's council meeting, following the opening of bids on the installing of an alarm system. There was only one bid on the system complete, as the bid of A. G. Long & Co. was on a 1,500 pound bell only.

The Gamewell Fire Alarm Telephone company gave figures on two different systems. One of these, if operated from the telephone office, will cost \$1,950. In case a separate switchboard is installed for this the cost will be \$210 more, plus the cost of fire alarm boxes.

The question of having the alarms given by the telephone company was

Knights to Entertain

The Knights of Pythias will entertain their wives and Pythian Sisters tomorrow evening with a social and a banquet. Following a brief business meeting the guests will assemble.

Examinations Tomorrow

The examinations for teachers will start tomorrow morning in Riverside school building at 9 o'clock. It was intended to hold the examinations in Central school building, but some repairs were found necessary to be made there, so the place of holding the examinations was changed.

Will G. Steel is Urged for Capt. Arant's Job

Medford Men Will Urge the Appointment of a Republican as Superintendent of the Crater Lake National Park. Is Called Father of Crater Lake Reserve

Medford men are urging the appointment of a republican to be superintendent of Crater Lake National Park. He is Will G. Steel of Portland.

The Portland Journal, a democratic paper, has the following to say concerning Mr. Steel's candidacy:

Steel has devoted a large part of his time for years to Crater Lake, and during many of these years he worked practically alone. He has made more than a dozen trips to Washington to gain favorable action by the president or congress, and the expenses of these trips have, with two or three exceptions, been paid by himself. Incidentally he has published "Steel Points," which has told graphically and pictorially of the beauties of Crater Lake and its legendary history.

First, he induced the secretary of the interior to withdraw from settlement the lands surrounding the lake. That was back in 1886. In 1902 he obtained the action that made a national park. He organized a company that built a hotel, and placed boats upon the lake. Recently he has gone after an appropriation for roads, and \$100,000 will soon be available for that purpose, to be followed by other hundreds of thousands. He no longer holds any pecuniary interest in property in the park.

How he became interested in Crater Lake is an interesting story. It goes back to Steel's school days in Kansas, when he carried his lunch to school in a newspaper, as was the fashion among schoolboys then. Eating his lunch one day, he threw the newspaper wrapping on the ground, but picked it up to read while enjoying his meal.

His eyes fell upon a paragraph that told of a mysterious sunken lake in Oregon, surrounded by perpendicular walls, of magnificent depth and coloring. It aroused his fancy, and he resolved to see that lake some day. Two years later, at the age of 14, he was an Oregon pioneer. He came to Portland and began inquiring about the lake.

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DEAD RUFFIAN WAS IRA JONES

TROUGH A MONEY ORDER STUB IN HIS EFFECTS, PORTLAND OFFICERS ARE ABLE TO ESTABLISH HIS IDENTITY

PORTLAND, Dec. 17.—Through a money order issued here the thug who was killed by a posse after assaulting Myrtle Huff, aged 14 years, at Santa Ana, Calif., is believed to be Ira Jones, a logger and formerly a McKenzie River homesteader. The order stub was found in the thug's effects.

H. E. (Blondy) Crane leaves in the morning for Portland to attend to business matters.

Few Cases of Fever in this City During Year

County Health Officer and the City Health Officer Report but Eight Cases of Typhoid this Year

Just eight cases of typhoid have been reported to County Health Officer Merryman and City Health Officer Truax this year. At this time last year there were more than forty cases reported.

None of the cases this year were serious, while last year there were a few fatalities.

This decrease in the amount of disease is noted not alone in the case of typhoid, but in all other forms of contagious ailments, in fact, the city is enjoying one of the healthiest years in its history.

Klamath Falls is not alone in its healthfulness this year, as the reports of the state board of health show that every city in the state has had less sickness this year than ever before. Several towns that have been victims of epidemics every year escaped without a single case of the disease this year.

There are a number of reasons ascribed for the absence of typhoid this year in Klamath Falls. Chief of these is the attention the people have given to the work of cleaning up their yards and keeping the streets and alleys free from rubbish. The Women's Civic League and the health board worked hard on this matter, and the people have taken every precaution to prevent the breeding of typhoid fever germs.

FEAR MRS. HUNTER TOOK LIFE

SAN FRANCISCO MAY BE SEARCHED FOR TRACE OF MURDERER OF JOSEPH'S SISTER OF PORTLAND

United Press Service
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—The ocean and bay shores are being patrolled today in an endeavor to locate Mrs. Essie L. Hunter, the six day bride of Joseph Hunter of Portland. It is believed that the girl committed suicide by jumping into the bay.

A police launch is scouting around the bay. Hunter is making in the search.

Employers of a messenger service are being examined in an endeavor to locate the boy who delivered the suicide note to the husband. The man declared that he had not seen the boy's appearance.

LOW BUYS BADGE; BARNES TO VISIT

SHERIFF-ELLECT WILL ASSUME DUTIES OF HIS OFFICE JANUARY 6—SHERIFF BARNES WILL GO TO OAKLAND

Sheriff-elect C. C. Low has ordered a badge of office. He expects it to arrive here before January 6th, when he assumes the duties of the office.

Sheriff Barnes plans to take a trip to Oakland as soon as his term of office expires. Mrs. Barnes and children are spending the winter in Oakland.