

MUCH STREET IMPROVEMENT IS DISCUSSED AT COUNCIL MEETING AND PLANS LAID FOR EARLY WORK

VIEWERS ARE APPOINTED FOR THE SECOND STREET BOULEVARD

Improvement of Third Street, of Eleventh Street and of Ninth Street and Intersections Discussed at Last Night's Session—No Objection Is Made to the Improvement of Ninth, But Change Is Asked.

WHAT TRANSPIRED REGARDING STREETS

- City engineer instructed to prepare plans, etc., for improvement of Third street.
- Supplemental plans ordered for improvement of Ninth street.
- Property owners on Eleventh street present bond to insure the cost of preliminary work.
- Viewers appointed to assess damages, etc., along Second street boulevard.

About a dozen Third street property owners attended last night's meeting of the city council to back up their petition asking for immediate improvement of Third street. During a general discussion of the question by Frank Vannice, Fred Houston, Frank Ward and others interested, it developed that the property owners had arranged to raise funds for all preliminary surveys, changing of grades, etc.

This petition asks for a twenty-foot macadam street from Main street to California avenue, with sidewalks, curbs and gutters in conformity.

The council took favorable action in this matter, and instructed City Engineer McLean to begin work at once on plans, specifications and estimates.

Last night had been designated by the council as the last opportunity to protest against the proposed improvement on Ninth street, but the council announced that any one having protests to make would be given a hearing at the next meeting of the council.

In addressing the council regarding the Ninth street improvement, Frank Avant took occasion to say that he had no protest to make against the proposed improvement, but would like to suggest that the oil macadam proposed to be used would be rather expensive to those living several blocks from Main street.

He thought it would be better to use oil macadam for a few blocks from Main, and a cheaper macadam on the other portion. After a gen-

eral discussion by the council a motion was made and carried to allow supplemental plans and specifications to be made.

Attorney W. H. Shaw, representing the property owners of Eleventh street, who signed the petition presented to the city council last night, asking for improvement of Eleventh street from Main to Upham, addressed the council at some length in stating the case of the petitioners.

Shaw called attention to the fact that Eleventh street was the direct connecting link with the main road from Shipplington, and urged that it be improved at the earliest possible moment. He called attention also to the offer of the reclamation service to build a bridge across the canal at Eleventh street, if the improvements were made.

A bond, binding the property owners in sums ranging from \$5 to \$20, was offered to cover the cost of preliminary work of the engineer in preparing plans and making estimates of cost of work. This bond, however, was not considered, as the wording did not bind the signers collectively, but individually.

The council deferred action on this petition, asking the petitioners to prepare one more specific, stating the exact width of the proposed street, the kind of macadam to be used, etc.

Another matter taken up at the meeting was the naming of D. H. Campbell, Marion Hanks and C. B. Crisler as a board of viewers, to assess the damages to lots and acreage property along the Second street boulevard from Plum street to the city limits. This body will meet March 10th, and report after that date to the city council.

The Second street boulevard, from Plum street, will be eighty feet wide, and will skirt Lake Ewauna, affording a beautiful driveway to the county fair grounds. At the city limits the county court will build a connecting road to Merrill and Midland.

WHITLOCK FILES ANNOUNCEMENT

CORONER WILL BE A CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE ON THE DEMOCRATIC TICKET AT THE COMING PRIMARIES

The latest official to come out for re-election is Earl Whitlock the coroner. Today he filed his announcement of candidacy.

Whitlock will seek the nomination on the democratic ticket.

Opposes Interlocking Directorates Bill



Guy E. Tripp, chairman of the board of the Westinghouse company, is one of the interesting and interested capitalists now in Washington who are opposing the interlocking directorates bill before congress. Mr. Tripp says that such a law will defeat itself by the creation of "dummy" directors.

NEW COURT HOUSE FUND NOT LARGE

PAYMENT OF THIS PART OF THE TAXES IS KEEPING THE SPECIAL FUND FROM GETTING COMPLET

Out of the \$80,000 levy made for the new court house fund, it is estimated that the county will receive less than \$40,000 that will be available for work on the building this year, as fully one-half of the taxes for this purpose will be paid in county warrants.

All of the levy for court house purposes could be paid in warrants according to the law, but there are not enough outstanding warrants that are not in litigation to do so.

The total indebtedness of the county on February 1 was \$514,000. Warrants to the amount of \$350,000 have been attacked by suits, and are not accepted by the county treasurer on taxes. This leaves a balance of \$164,000 that could be used.

Approximately \$80,000 of these are held by the banks, and as they are practically all of an old issue and will soon be redeemed, it is not probable that they will be turned in on taxes.

The taxes received in cash will probably be divided equally among the several funds, and this will give between \$40,000 and \$50,000 for the court house, if all of the taxes are paid.

The exact sum will depend on the proportion of the total taxes that are paid.

MORE HOSE FOR THE FIRE DEPT.

CITY COUNCIL LAST NIGHT AUTHORIZED THE PURCHASE OF AN ADDITIONAL ELEVEN HUNDRED FEET FOR CARTS

Fire Chief Ed Wakefield appeared before the city council last night and made a request for an additional line of fire hose, which, he explained, was badly needed by the department.

After some little discussion, the council passed a motion to purchase 1,100 feet of new hose. This will make a total of 3,000 feet of hose for the fire department.

PUBLICITY LEVY FOR KLAMATH CO. BEING PROPOSED

MATTER MAY BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT

Plan Now Being Discussed Provides for the Levying of a Special Tax to Raise About \$5,000 to Be Used in Advertising Klamath County—Exhibit at Exposition, Ashland, Dunsuir, and, Perhaps, "Movies."

A Klamath county exhibit at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition; a Klamath county exhibit at the Oregon building to be erected at Ashland; a Klamath county exhibit in a special building at Dunsuir—these, and many feet of motion picture film, depicting Klamath county industries, etc., are suggested as novel methods of giving publicity to this section, providing there is sufficient money available for this purpose.

Discussion of these matters at last night's meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, led to the starting of a new political life, a campaign for funds with which to advertise the county.

It is planned to circulate an initiative petition, asking that the question of a small tax levy for advertising purposes be placed on the ballot in November. Should this carry, the money will be used to advertise all parts of the county.

C. R. Miller of the Miller Photo company, stated that he is contemplating the purchase of a motion picture machine. He proposes the making of film depicting Klamath scenery, industries, etc., to be shown in other parts of the county.

VILLA ORDERED TO SEND BODY

TROUBLE OVER EXECUTION GETS THICKER—AMERICAN SHOT BY REBELS—HUERTA EMBARGOS AMERICAN PAPERS

United Press Service WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The final attempt to force General Villa to surrender the body of W. S. Benton is being made today, and it is believed that America's Mexican policy hinges on the outcome.

The situation is most serious. England is aroused at Villa's refusal to give the remains to the widow. Secretary Bryan was at his desk all last night.

Bryan announced today that when the body is recovered an army surgeon will make an official examination, to determine the manner of death.

Carranza has been asked to command Villa to return the body. Officials of the junta say they are powerless to enforce orders against field commanders.

United Press Service EL PASO, Texas, Feb. 25.—Military authorities learned today that Gustav Bauch, an American, was executed Friday. They will not give any information, pending an official investigation.

United Press Service MEXICO, Feb. 25.—Huerta has placed an embargo against American publications criticizing him. He secretly issued this order two weeks ago, and as a result tons of papers are held in the postoffice.

Mashed a Digit. Harry Zeek, who has been employed as a millwright by the Ewauna Box company for some time, had the misfortune to mash a finger on his right hand by dropping a gear wheel upon it this morning.

Miss Frances Davis is state librarian of Wyoming.

Government Ownership of Railroads



The most amazing statement recently made by a multimillionaire is that attributed to Daniel Guggenheim, president of the American Smelting and Refining company, who declares that the United States government should own all railroads and telegraph and telephone lines. Mr. Guggenheim says that the success of the parcel post has converted him to the belief that the United States government could operate our railroads, telegraph and telephone lines better than they are operated at present.

POWER WILL BE CUT OFF SUNDAY

LIGHTS WILL BE OUT A SHORT TIME FROM GRANTS PASS TO DUNSMUIR—COMPANY IS INCREASING VOLTAGE

Promptly at 7 o'clock Sunday morning, the California Oregon Power company's plants, from Grants Pass to Dunsuir, will be shut down. For about three hours the company's entire system will be dead.

This will be done in order to allow the company's workmen a chance to change the taps in the transformers and connections on the transformers, preparatory to increasing the total voltage from 20,000 to 34,000. With the system to be installed, the voltage will be raised, but the amperage reduced. This will make it possible for the wires to carry a larger voltage, which is necessitated by the increased demand for power during the summer months.

RUSSIANS BUY "BEST" RANCH

IN ADDITION, SIX ACRE LOT IS PURCHASED NEAR STUKEL BRIDGE, AND WILL BE USED FOR A CEMETERY

The latest ranch to be purchased by the Russian colonists is the Dr. J. A. Best ranch on Lost River. This tract of 600 acres has just been bought by the Rudemetkin brothers, six in number, who have decided that Klamath as a farming section is far ahead of Mexico, where they formerly tilled the soil.

Another proof that the members of the colony are "here to stay" is evidenced by the fact that they have purchased six acres of land near the Stukel bridge, which will be used as a cemetery.

There are now ten families of Russian farmers in that part of the county, as the Silas Kilgore ranch was purchased by another colony last summer.

WARRANT SUITS WILL BE TAKEN TO U. S. COURTS

NEARLY EVERY COUNTY IN THE SAME BOAT

Understood That the Proposed Action in the Federal District Court Is Brought by Timber Interests to Force All the Counties to Keep Within the Limitations of Indebtedness as Prescribed by Law.

That the fight started in Klamath county against the incurring of voluntary indebtedness in excess of the constitutional limit is to have a state wide effect, is the substance of persistent rumors being heard. It is reported that the Weyerhaeuser company will soon start suits in the Federal court attacking warrants issued by the Klamath county court. It is said that the same warrants now in litigation in the local circuit court will be the basis of the suits to be filed in the federal court.

It is not known whether the local suits will be withdrawn as a result, but from all information that can be gained the proposed suits will not effect in any way those previously brought by R. N. Day. Kuykendall & Ferguson, who are handling the suits for Day, would not admit any knowledge of the contemplated suits in the federal court, when seen today.

It is claimed that with only two exceptions every county in the state is in the same condition as Klamath, in having exceeded the constitutional limit of indebtedness. It is believed that an effort is on foot by the big timber owners throughout the entire state to force every county to keep its operating expenses within its annual revenue, and also to conduct its affairs on a more satisfactory business basis than has been the custom in the past.

By trying these suits in the federal court at Portland, greater publicity would be secured, and if successful in the courts, a warning would be given other counties that it would result in a strict observance of the law by all officials in the conduct of public business.

Another Dance

The success of the first dance given by the Blue Bells Society, February 16, was so pronounced that they have decided to give another Friday, May 1st, at which time they intend to stage an affair even more elaborate than their first. Just what special features will be introduced has not yet been planned, but something suggestive of telephones will be used. The invitation committee will make every effort to get the names of those in the habit of attending dances, so that cards may be sent to the ones likely to attend.

The Mexican federal army has women flag bearers.

SUIT TO BREAK BUTTER AND EGG TRUST STARTS

UNCLE SAM IS DETERMINED IN THIS CASE

Action Commenced in Chicago, Following Investigation Which Proves Conclusively That the People Were Practically at the Mercy of the Cold Storage Cliques—Interlocking Directorates Alleged.

United Press Service CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—The government's final effort to smash the alleged butter and egg "trusts" and prevent forever the formation of pools to boost prices began before Federal Judge Landis today.

Backed by the report of Master in Chancery A. B. Morrison, District Attorney Wilkerson began arguments asking for the dissolution of the butter and egg boards of Chicago and Elgin. If the claims of the government are allowed, the big butter and egg men will be practically enjoined from acting in concert to fix prices, regulate the operations in the markets, or in any way co-operate for their mutual profit against the public interests.

The government's attack on the alleged "trusts" began on June 19, 1910, when suit was filed against two boards as corporations by Attorney General Wickersham. Their lawyers filed a demurrer, but this was overruled, and in June, 1911, the suit was referred to Master Morrison, who has taken evidence intermittently since that time.

Morrison completed and filed his report early in December. In nearly every particular he sustained the contentions of the government that the two boards were operating in restraint of trade.

Morrison found that the Chicago and Elgin boards virtually form one organization, with interlocking directorates and officials, who maintain a monopoly and regulate the prices of butter and eggs in Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, the Dakotas, Wisconsin, Michigan and other contiguous states.

Operating from Chicago and Elgin for nearly a quarter of a century, according to Morrison, they obtained such control that they fixed prices at which farmers and small creamery men must sell their products, and the retail price to the consumers in the large cities, restricted the supply in times of heavy production of both butter and eggs, and reaped big profit through this artificially created scarcity.

Morrison found that creamery representatives on the boards went into Middle West states in the flush periods of production and made contracts with farmers to buy at the then ex-

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Its "Outside Society"

Principal of High School Writes on Live Subject

Principal W. E. Faught of the Klamath county high school, was asked for an opinion regarding the article appearing in Tuesday's Herald, in which Professor Howe of the University of Oregon stated that social activities in the present day high schools are responsible for a laxness in study on the part of Freshmen entering the University. He submitted the following: "My experience leads me to believe that it is not so much 'high school society' as society outside of the school that lowers the standards of scholarship among the pupils. Few high school students are of an age when they can afford to enter into many social functions, and the ten-

dency among the best schools with which we are familiar is to make the social life entirely secondary to the regular required work of the school.

"Then there are other causes entering into the conditions mentioned which play a large part in lowering the standards. School life is a process of selection. Through the grades, high school and college, the poorer students are being steadily left behind. Hence, the higher the class the higher the class average we naturally expect, and the smaller percentage of failures.

"The point that an increased attendance brings a lower class average is, I think, quite generally true, and (Continued from Page 3)

New Railroad Moves

Modoc Northern Has Trains Running to Westwood

ALTURAS, Feb. 25.—Building of two great saw mills, similar to the one at Westwood, Lassen county, at other points in its vast holdings has been announced by the Red River company. The sites of these mills have not been given out, but it is understood one will be in Shasta county near Burney valley, and the other will be in Modoc county, probably on the Pit River, near Lookout.

With this announcement comes the belief that the Fernley and Lassen which is now built to Westwood, thirty miles from Susanville, will be extended at once to Lookout, a distance of seventy miles. It is reported on good authority that contracts have been let for the construction of seventy miles of roadbed, thus extend-

ing the Fernley and Lassen railroad into Modoc county. Not only are men and equipment being held at Susanville, but additional equipment is being added. Recently the Southern Pacific moved its grading outfit from the Vale extension in Oregon to Susanville, where it is being held for the opening of spring work. The indications are that the next extension to Lookout will be completed before the end of 1914.

A branch will be built by the Southern Pacific from Alturas down the Pit River to Anderson, Shasta county, and another from Klamath Falls, which will be an extension of the Ne-tron cut-off from Portland. The three branches will join on the Pit River, near Lookout.