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KLAMATH CO.'S DEBT IS BIGGEST IN WHOLE STATE

FERGUSON MAKES HIS FIRST REPORT

Statement Under the Uniform Accountancy Law Shows That Twenty-One Counties Show a Surplus Over All Indebtedness—Jackson County Is the Only County in the State With a Rounded Indebtedness

SALEM, June 2.—Showing the financial condition, the funds on hand and the amount of indebtedness of every county in the state, the first quarterly report of State Insurance Commissioner J. W. Ferguson under the new uniform accountancy law was printed and ready for distribution today. This is the first report of the kind ever issued in the state, and offers a means of comparison between the various counties. The report shows the condition of the counties' finances for the quarter ending on the 31st of March.

In all the counties of the state the total amount of funds on hand March 31 was \$6,591,861.74, while the total outstanding indebtedness was \$5,214,762.82. Twenty-one counties show an aggregate deficit of \$1,486,431.64. The assessed value of all taxable property in all the counties for 1913, was over \$954,000,000.

Thirteen of the thirty-four counties had outstanding indebtedness greater than the sum total of all funds on hand. These deficits ranged from \$1,416.67 in Coos county to \$479,725.67 in Klamath. On the other hand, the surplus balances of the other twenty-one counties ranged from \$19,955.15 in Benton to \$921,760.17 in Multnomah. Outside of Multnomah the highest surplus is shown in Marion, which had in its various funds at that time \$248,301.82.

The accounting department has segregated the county funds into

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WANT SPRINKLING HOURS ARRANGED

HEAD OF WATER THE COMPANY STATES THAT PROMISCUOUS USE OF WATER MAKES THE FIRE PROTECTION IMPERFECT

Holding that as a result of the continuous use of water for lawn irrigation by many people, the California-Oregon Power company is unable to keep the reservoirs filled, and therefore making less efficient the city's fire protection, Superintendent George J. Walton last night asked the city council to take up the matter of regulating the hours for sprinkling.

The power company's irrigation contracts call for sprinkling between 6 and 7 a. m. and 5 and 7 p. m. The patrons, though, said Walton, are not observing this rule, many of them running water all day and all night, as a result, destroying their neighbors' gardens and filling their basements.

"The present use of water in Klamath Falls exceeds 200 gallons per capita per day," said Walton. "In San Francisco the amount is 125 gallons, and in most cities 150 gallons is considered extravagance. In metered cities it amounts to sixty gallons.

"We are pumping sufficient water for 20,000 inhabitants, if it was properly used, but right now we cannot deliver water to several houses in Hot Springs addition and on the high school hill, owing to the continued sprinkling. If you will suggest what you would do, we'll be glad to carry it out. If you will appoint an inspector with police powers to arrest those violating these hours, we would be willing to pay his salary, and let the fines go to the city."

Walton also read a letter received some time ago from the underwriters, recommending that the unnecessary use of water be discontinued, and stating that there would be no reduction in insurance rates until this was done.

Mayor Nicholas has some ordinances on this question that are used in other cities. They will be considered by the council at a coming meeting.

Albanian King, Whose Throne Totters

King William of Albania, who was the Prince of Weld, in Germany, is having a fight for his throne, which he has occupied for less than a year. Rebels frightened him and Queen Sophie so badly the other day that they had to take refuge on an Italian man of war. They later returned to their capital, but their soldiers did not seem able to cope with the mob, which demanded their withdrawal. The prince was set up as king of Albania after Austria, following the late wars in the southeastern part of Europe, suggested the formation of an independent kingdom. He was also named by Austria as the first monarch. The Albanians had for year been practically under the control of petty chiefs, who exercised power in as much territory as they could hold and paid little attention to the authority of the Turkish government. Their chiefs have stirred up opposition to the new king because they don't want to lose their power.



QUEEN SOPHIE



KING WILLIAM and PRINCESS MARIE.

SEEK TO PUT H. G. WILSON AS INDIAN AGENT ONCE MORE

PETITIONS ARE ADDRESSED TO THE OFFICIALS

Papers Are Addressed to the Secretary of the Interior, Indian Commissioner and Oregon Congressional Delegation, Stating That Wilson's Record Was Satisfactory, and He Is Wanted Back Again.

An effort to have H. G. Wilson returned as superintendent of the Klamath Indian reservation came to light today, when the following form of petition was circulated:

"We, the undersigned residents of Klamath County, Oregon, knowing the excellent manner in which the affairs at the Klamath Indian Agency were handled during the previous incumbency of Mr. H. G. Wilson, and believing that the best interests of the Agency, as well as the United States government, would be conducted more satisfactorily under him, we respectfully request that you use your influence to secure the re-appointment of Mr. Wilson to the office of superintendent of the Klamath Indian Agency."

The petitions are addressed to Senators Chamberlain and Lane and Congressmen Sinnott and Hawley. Similar petitions are addressed to Secretary Lane of the department of the Interior, and Cato Sells, commissioner of the bureau of Indian affairs. The circulation of the petitions follows the announcement that Indian Agent Edson Watson's resignation was requested by the bureau of Indian affairs, and was sent in by him. Wilson was formerly agent at the Klamath reservation, but has since been supervisor of reservations in Oregon. The circulating of the petitions indicate that Wilson may also have been removed from the supervision by the present administration.

Court Is Sued.

Through Onell and Manning, suit was commenced against C. Lee Court this morning to recover \$2,125 and costs. The plaintiffs are George Taylor, J. J. Collins and John Reeder. They allege that the money is due for sums advanced, and for three years' rent on the Court ranch.

Contracts Cattle.

Louis Gerber, local cattle king, has returned from a trip to the Burns country. While away he contracted for 500 head of beef cattle at Silver Creek for September delivery to Abert Lake.

CITY HALL BOND MONEY CREDITED TO MUNICIPALITY

TELEGRAM RECEIVED THIS AFTERNOON

Advice Makes Needless Action of the Council in Stating That Either the Money or the Transcript Should Be Forthcoming—This Means a Good-sized Addition to the Payroll This Summer

The \$50,000 for the city hall bond issue is now at the disposal of Klamath Falls.

A telegram to this effect was received late this afternoon by City Treasurer J. W. Siemens from a Chicago banking house, stating that the money was placed to the credit of Klamath Falls by R. M. Grant & Co., the bond house buying the issue.

This is welcome news in Klamath Falls, as it had begun to be feared that the bond house was holding up this issue. Last week, a request was sent for additional data, with the promise that as soon as this was supplied and the house's attorney satisfied as to the legality of the issue, the money would be forthcoming.

Last night, the council instructed Police Judge Leavitt to wire that the money or the bonds and transcript must be forthcoming by Saturday.

The contract for the erection of the building has been awarded to Coker Brothers. They are ready to begin work at once, and they will give a number of local men employment during the summer and fall.

Assessment District Fixed.

The city council last night decreed that the adjoining half of the Sixth Street improvement district be assessed three-fifths and the other half of the district two-fifths of the cost of the Sixth street improvement.

Woman Would Be Citizen.

Application for full citizenship has been filed with Circuit Court Clerk George Chastain by Helena J. Heilmann. The woman is a native of Holland. She will be given a hearing at the December term of the circuit court.

Commonwealth Day at Eugene considered a state industrial survey.

In Linn county a sample of concrete road was laid on Good Roads Day.

The entire floating debt of the state of Oregon, less sinking fund assets, is quoted by a census bulletin at \$9.04.

J. C. Smith Police Head

Mayor Re-appoints Man Who Resigned Last Month

The following are the appointments so far made by Mayor T. F. Nicholas:

Chief of police—Joseph C. Smith. Patrolman No. 1—Sam L. Walker. City engineer—John McLean. City Attorney—J. C. Rutenie. Street Superintendent—Fred Stahlman.

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During the week this will be talked over by members of the council and the mayor. There is expected a breach on the number of policemen to be named. Nicholas insists that four men are necessary to properly patrol the city, while some of the council state that three are plenty.

There was much discussion about this question, and that of re-appointing Smith at an informal session of the council held before the regular meeting last night.

At last night's meeting Councilmen Doty, Goeller, Townsend, Underwood and Savidge stepped out of office, and the business will be conducted by Councilmen Rogers, Matthews, Townsend, Owens and Lockwood, a board of five instead of ten. Lockwood was escorted to his seat by Doty, and was sworn in by the mayor.

Nicholas was then sworn in by Judge Leavitt. "I want to thank every member of the old council for the support you have given me," said Nicholas. "You never sulked in the harness, and you did faithful committee work. You have my best wishes."

Worry Over Twenty Year Bill

Sunnyside Project Wants Delegate Sent

Confidential Advices From the Capital Show That There Is Serious Need of Stirring Up Interest in Passage of the Measure

The following open letter is being sent to all the water users associations by the Sunnyside Water Users Association:

More information as to the opposition to the reclamation extension bill impels us to urge the various associations to take prompt and vigorous action in favor of the bill if they have not done so. Below is a copy of the latest advices; as they are confidential the name of the author is withheld. They came from a Western man who has been in Washington, D. C., now for some weeks, and is thoroughly in touch with the situation, and we have full confidence that he is representing the condition as it actually exists.

This bill came up in the house on the 18th ult., on unanimous consent. From a perusal of the Congressional Record for that day it appears that of all the representatives from the seventeen reclamation states, only four supported the bill: Mr. Baker, California; Mr. Taylor, Colorado; Mr. Garner, Texas, and Mr. Mondell, Wyoming. What were the others doing, and why did they not speak up in favor of the bill? The associations

should make it their business to find out.

If this bill does not become a law hundreds of thousands of dollars will be due and payable from the water users; can they pay it? We know they cannot. What then? Will Secretary Lane grant a still further extension of time? Possibly, but we are not at all sure of it, and is he not more likely to grant an extension if after the water users have made an honest effort to secure the passage of the bill it then fails than if we just lay back and wait to see what will be done?

We think the suggestion that the water users have a representative in Washington is a good one, and we believe the time has arrived when we should have. This association is willing to send a man, but we feel that the other associations should do the same, and that those which do not, or cannot, should contribute something towards the expenses of those who do go. Are you willing to do this? If so, kindly advise us at once, stating whether or not you will send a man, and if not, the amount you will contribute towards the expenses of those who do go. The expense of doing some effective work

now when it is needed will be small compared with the benefits to the water users. The interest which will be saved on the deferred payments alone, if the bill passes at this session, will more than make up the probable expenditures by the associations.

The following is from the letter received:

You will notice that the principal opposition seems to be in Mr. Borland from Kansas City, Mo., while Mr. Mann appears to be in opposition, but does not express himself definitely. He agrees, however, with Mr. Garner that this bill, or something similar, ought to pass. Mr. Borland is a democrat, while Mr. Mann is republican leader of the house. The best champion of the bill, you will notice, is a republican, namely, Mr. Mondell.

Somebody needs some stirring up badly. Every representative from the seventeen reclamation states should have been there, and should have been active in the support of this measure. If the representatives whose constituents are interested will insist upon immediate hearing, I believe that the opposition will fall.

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Order a Railroad Strike

Fifty-Five Thousand Trainmen Are Affected by It

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 1.—The Webb amendment to the Clayton anti-trust bill was today adopted almost unanimously by the house. This makes strikes, peaceful picketing and assembling lawful.

In presenting the amendment Webb stated that it embodies the ideas of both the president and the American Federation of Labor.

United Press Service CHICAGO, June 1.—After negotiations in progress three months between committees representing the trainmen and the general managers

of ninety-six railroads operating west of Chicago, the labor representatives last night ordered a strike vote taken by 55,000 trainmen.

The strike, if it becomes effective, will affect workers on 140,000 miles of railway. They receive over \$67,000,000 a year in wages.

The trainmen demanded increased pay, reduced hours and higher overtime.

The managers refused upon the grounds that the present conditions do not warrant these demands, which would increase the payroll of the railroads \$28,000,000 a year.