

People Take Decided Stand In Election

ELECTION WAS LANDSIDE FOR THREE NEW MEN

STRUBLE AND MILLER ONLY OLD MEMBERS RE-ELECTED

Initiative Franchise Passed by Large Majority by Vote of 863 to 353—New Councilmen Elected by Big Majority—People Want Strahorn Railroad, and Business of the City Conducted in the Open.

COUNCILMEN ELECT

- Harry Telford First Ward
- W. T. Lee Second Ward
- I. R. Struble Third Ward
- A. D. Miller Fourth Ward
- M. P. Lavenik Fifth Ward

By a majority of nearly 4 to 1 the citizens of the city yesterday cast a vote for a change in the membership of the city council in all but two wards in the city, the Third and Fourth. In the First ward a new councilman was elected with no opposition, R. J. Sheets (present incumbent) not running.

Councilmen I. R. Struble of the Third and A. D. Miller of the Fourth wards, polled heavy majorities over their opponents, Struble securing the heaviest in the election over his opponent, J. H. Hamilton. Miller was compelled to run against two opponents, but came out with a nice majority.

The turnovers came in the Second and Fifth wards, where Will Lee led O. D. Mathews with a majority of 168 out of 296 votes cast. In the Fifth ward, M. P. Lavenik, largely an unknown quantity in public office, defeated M. R. Doty by ten votes, the only close vote in the election, and probably the biggest surprise in the election.

The vote of the people of the city of Klamath Falls yesterday clearly demonstrated two things: One, that they are decidedly and unreservedly for the Strahorn railroad without bickering or hesitation, and straightforward business above board and conscientious work towards getting the work started as soon as possible; and secondly, that the people want a city government that is carrying on the city's business above board and in the open, with as small a percentage of possibility of dealings which might be considered shady in any manner.

"The will of the people must be carried out, and carried out in as businesslike and expeditious a manner as possible."

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Cubans to Lead Army



Col. AURELIA HEVIA
Col. MATIAS BETANCOURT

Colonel Aurelia Hevia, secretary of government in Cuba, and Colonel Matias Betancourt, who caught General Gomez and virtually put down the revolution against the Menocal government, will be in command of the 25,000 troops Cuba proposes raising for service in Europe. She will place the troops in charge of the United States. The secretary of war will have general charge of the troops, while Colonel Betancourt will be in actual command of them.

SUB SOLUTION ALMOST FOUND

HIGH NAVAL AUTHORITY OFFICIALLY EXPRESSES BELIEF THAT SOLUTION OF THE SUB PROBLEM IS "JUST AHEAD"

WASHINGTON, May 8.—While W. L. Saunders and other members of the naval consulting board conferred today with Secretary Daniels on the submarine problem, a high navy authority officially expressed the view that the actual solution of the diver problem is "just ahead."

Saunders announced several days ago that he believed an effective plan and invention has been found to rid the seas of this menace. It is confidently believed that Thomas A. Edison is the inventor.

STRAHORN HERE TO WIND UP DEAL

COUNTY AGENT ARRANGES FOR RURAL MEETING

SATURDAY IS AGRICULTURE DEFENSE DAY

Eleven Meetings Are Announced at Different Points in County—Farm Labor, Policy of Secretary of Agriculture, Minimum Prices, Census Among Points to Be Taken Up by Appointed Speakers.

A plan for raising and distributing farm labor may be made known and labor application blanks for each district presented. The policy of the secretary of agriculture for the protection of the farmer by the adoption of a minimum price and anti-food speculation law may be explained. Reliable information on the national and world food supply may be presented. A census of Oregon's crop and livestock condition may be taken up.

These are the points that will be taken up at the meetings to be held in this county next Saturday, May 12.

County Agriculture Agent H. R. Glaisyer is rapidly completing plans for the meetings to be held over the county on next Saturday, May 12th, which day has been set aside by the governor to be known as "Agriculture Defense Day."

All farmers in the vicinities where the meetings are announced, all farmers' clubs and agricultural club representatives are urged to be present, and all others interested in increasing the county's production due to the world and American food shortage.

Meetings have been arranged for the following places, with the speakers named to have charge.

- Others will be named later.
 - Midland school—John Hutchins.
 - Spring Lake school—M. B. Ford.
 - Mt. Laki church—T. N. Case.
 - Lone Pine school—L. F. Geertson.
 - Henley school—R. E. Bradbury.
 - Merrill, city hall—J. G. Swan.
 - Main hall—M. M. Stastney.
 - Shasta View school—B. P. Alexander.
 - Lower Poe school—Glenn VanMeter.
 - Pine Grove school—Chas. Mack.
 - Pt Klamath, city hall—L. C. Sisemore.
- Mr. Glaisyer says that the people are donating their halls freely, and are co-operating. All the meetings so far arranged will be held at 8 p. m., Saturday night.

CATHOLICS MEET EARLY TO ATTEND COUNCIL

On account of the city council meeting tonight, the Catholic mission services in the Catholic church will begin at 7 p. m., instead of at 8 p. m., to give all an opportunity to be present at the council meeting. All Catholics have been advised to assist at both the mission and the town meeting.

KLAMATH'S FIRE RATE IS REDUCED

REDUCTION OF TEN PER CENT IS MADE IN CITY THROUGH EFFORTS OF FIRE CHIEF AND WORK TO DIMINISH RISKS

The Underwriters Equitable Rating bureau has just issued a re-rating for this city, materially reducing the fire insurance rates on dwellings and brick buildings and contents of same.

"The new rates are effective from and after this date on dwellings situated within the fire limits; this takes in all the principal residence portions of the city, but excludes dwellings located high up on the hills and in outlying portions of the city, remote from fire protection," said Chief Ambrose.

"Rates on dwellings and contents have been cut about 10 per cent—the basis rate for dwellings being 45 cents, whereas it has been 50 cents. This gives us a rate as low as any city in Oregon without a fully paid fire department.

"Rates on the brick and concrete buildings and their contents located in the business district have been cut as much as 20 per cent, which will be a substantial saving to our merchants. This cut in rates is due to the installation of modern fire fighting apparatus and fire ordinances.

"In order that these rates be sustained, with a possible lower reduction at a later date, the citizens of Klamath Falls should keep working at all times to better conditions. If there is any information or assistance that I may give at any time concerning your buildings, kindly let me know. I am willing at all times to work to your advantage.

FINLEY SHOWS MOVING PICTURES HERE TONIGHT

W. L. Finley, state game warden, will give his illustrated moving picture lecture on Oregon's wild game life tonight at Houston's opera house at 8 o'clock.

These lectures are most interesting, and this one is given under the auspices of the Klamath County Teachers' Association.

FRENCH SPECIAL TRAIN WRECKED BUT NONE HURT

BROKEN RAIL DERAILS ALL BUT TWO CARS

Accident Occurred in Illinois While Party Was Dining—Federal Agent on Train Said Not Due to Plot—Commissioners Severely Shaken—Party at Indianapolis Today on Way Back to Capital.

EFFINGHAM, Ill., May 8.—The French war commissioners resumed their tour this morning after their special train was wrecked last night.

The wreck occurred while they were dining, a broken rail derailing all but two cars and the locomotive. The commissioners were severely shaken up, but were not injured. Secret service investigators are inclined to believe that the accident was entirely accidental, although there is some difference of opinion.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 8.—A government agent who was aboard the French special at the time of the accident made announcement that the wreck was not due to a plot.

KAISER'S LIFE WAS ATTEMPTED

UNKNOWN ASSAILANT FIRED THREE SHOTS, TWO OF WHICH STRUCK THE TONNEAU, WHILE KAISER WAS MOTORING

ROME, May 8.—A Zurich dispatch to Corriere D'Italia, a local clerical organ, says that an unidentified man fired three shots at Kaiser Wilhelm's car while the kaiser was out motoring in Berlin.

Two of the shots struck the tonneau and the third went wild. His assailant was arrested.

Chief German Plotter



Captain Fritz von Rintelen, believed to have been for many months the chief German plotter in the United States, and supposed of being a relative of Kaiser Wilhelm, was photographed in court at the trial of himself and others, including Congressman Frank Buchanan, in connection with activities of Labor's National Peace Council. He was brought back from England, where he had been caught trying to get back to Germany on a forged passport. It was believed he would tell all his relations with plotters in the United States in order to save his own life. Von Rintelen is believed to be worth many million dollars. He was believed to have been closely connected in business affairs with the kaiser.

GERMANY UNABLE SECURE PEACE

VICE CHANCELLOR TELLS REICH. STAG THAT THE COUNTRY MUST FIGHT ON—PEACE TALK IS FORBIDDEN

COPENHAGEN, May 7.—Berlin dispatches say that Vice Chancellor Helfferich told the Reichstag that Germany has been unable to secure satisfactory peace, and must continue fighting.

Private advices say that German military authorities have ordered the arrest of all peace agitators, and that the government demands that all peace talk emanate from official circles.

STRAHORN HERE TO CLOSE UP ON RAILROAD

COUNCIL POSTPONES ACTION LAST NIGHT UNTIL TONIGHT

Strahorn Meets With Men Here Today and Details Being Worked Out to Complete Deal—Work to Be Started as Soon as Possible—Doty Makes Motion and Mathews Seconds It on Ordinance.

Robert E. Strahorn arrived in the city last night with his engineer, H. H. Bogue, and today is holding meetings with members of the city council and others preparatory to closing up the final details to begin operations on the railroad.

The steps to be taken include the final passage of a city ordinance, already passed its first two readings by the city council, preparing for signing of the contract, the turning over of the rights of way, and the closing up of the terminal deals. Work is to start within thirty days after the contract is signed.

The city council met last night and upon motion of Mr. Doty, seconded by Mr. Mathews, postponed the final passage of the ordinance until the meeting tonight.

Mayor Crisler announced to the council chamber full of people that Mr. Strahorn had arrived in town, and that it was believed better to wait until today and tonight. A larger crowd than was present last night promises to be present tonight to see the final chapter taken.

Councilman Struble was the only councilman to openly protest against laying the passage of the franchise over until tonight, but the vote was immediately called by Mayor Crisler and declared by the mayor.

The mayor and others of the council spoke of closing up the details today and tonight of the city's end of the deal, and it is expected that the ordinance will be passed upon tonight favorably.

Many expressions of desire that the city lose no time in doing its part of the work were heard in the city hall chambers following the meeting last night, a large percentage of which were women of the city.

Mr. Strahorn wrote before coming that when he came he expected to do business, and desired to start the actual work just as soon as it is possible, and so indicated last night.

Millions of Bushels Wheat Lacking

Area Harvested May 1 is 31 Per Cent Under Last Autumn; Harvested 20 Per Cent Lower

WASHINGTON, May 8.—The department of agriculture forecasts 866,000,000 bushels as the winter wheat yield from the 1917 crop, as against 481,744,000 for 1916.

The areas to be harvested on May 1st is 31 per cent less than was planted last autumn, and the harvest 20 per cent under last year's harvest.

Complete Returns on the City Election Yesterday

First Ward—Harry Telford, 70; no opposition.				
Second Ward—W. T. Lee, 232; O. D. Mathews, 64. Total 296.				
Third Ward—J. H. Hamilton, 64; I. R. Struble, 301. Total 365.				
Fourth Ward—E. B. Hall, 28; Joe Joseph, 64; A. D. Miller, 163. Total 255.				
Fifth Ward—M. R. Doty, 72; Mike Lavenik, 82. Total, 154.				
Total vote cast, 1,120.				
	Initiative Ordinance	Initiative Ordinance	Competing Ordinances	Competing Ordinances
	Yes	No	Yes	No
First Ward	53	20	29	42
Second Ward	218	34	94	134
Third Ward	316	28	86	227
Fourth Ward	174	32	80	116
Fifth Ward	122	17	64	89
Total	863	181	363	578

Recruiting Office For Engineers Open

Engineer's Offered to Accompany First Expedition to France in Near Future by Roosevelt Man

SAN FRANCISCO, May 8.—Active recruiting for the engineer regiment for immediate service on the French front has started in this city.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—Three hundred engineers of the reserve corps officers will accompany the nine eng-

neers' regiments which will go to France. T. C. Deabond, organizer of the "Roosevelt" corps, after receiving approval from Roosevelt, offered the services of his men to accompany the expedition.