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MR. GROESBECK RETIRES

In surrendering the office of city attorney to his successor, R. C. Groesbeck has laid down a burden he has carried for four years with the consciousness that he has acquitted himself of the duties of that position in a manner that reflects great credit for his fidelity to duty and watchfulness for the welfare of the city. During his term of office many important and vexatious questions have been before him, and each has received the attention they merited, and it would not be amiss to review some of the important issues he has disposed of.

Just as he entered upon the duties of his office the city had settled a judgment of \$2,500 that had been secured against it in a damage suit. This was disposed of by the payment of \$2,000. This suit was followed by two others—that by Mrs. DeHay for \$5,000 for injuries received, and one entitled Marple vs. Klamath Falls for damage to property involving \$4,900. These Mr. Groesbeck had to look after on behalf of the city, and won in both cases. The mere recital of these cases does not convey to the lay mind the amount of work necessary to defend them. If the city had to employ counsel especially to handle either or both of these cases, it would have had to pay considerably more than the salary paid for an entire year to its attorney, and in this a great injustice and hardship is placed on any lawyer that honestly discharges the duties of the office.

Following these cases came the application for the reduction of the light and water rates in the city. In this instance, which is the only one stamped with failure, Mr. Groesbeck lost, but he has as a consolation the fact that every other city and town in the state, whose cases were heard at the same time, shared a like fate. The fact that the California-Oregon Power company was powerful enough to swing the commission was no fault of Mr. Groesbeck. It only indicated the perfection of the grip this company has upon the machinery of the state.

The next important matter that he disposed of was the Ankeny canal. For years this had been a bone of contention between the city, the government and the Water Users. With the assistance of Mr. Mason, who was then mayor, and who should receive unstinted praise and gratitude for the work he did in this important matter, Mr. Groesbeck finally put through the various legal details that for all time rid the city of this menace to public health.

In addition to these, which of themselves would represent years of tireless labor, he put through the legal details incident to the paving of the Shippington road, Eleventh street, the municipal railroad and the franchise that was granted the Keno Power company. Each of these called for a task that was monumental, yet each was disposed of successfully for the city.

Two important suits started during his administration will be handed over to his successor—one to recover on the \$5,000 bond of the Klamath Canal company; the other to recover the streets ceded to that company, and which rights were acquired by the government when it took over the assets of that corporation. Both these suits are well on their way to trial. In fact, one is now ready for trial, and the other is before the courts on demurrer proceedings.

In addition to all of this work, Mr. Groesbeck performed another task that is almost invaluable to the city—the codification of the ordinances of

the city since 1889 up to two years ago. The importance of this work is little understood by those outside of the legal profession, but within the ranks of the attorneys it will be recognized as one of the important acts in Mr. Groesbeck's administration.

He retires from the office not as a man whose tasks have been left undone, but as an official who has served his city well, and who merits the words of praise and commendation that the people of this city would gladly voice were they able to grasp the importance and magnitude of the work he has done in their behalf.

There is no reason for getting excited, but there is reason for you to look forward to the biggest and most substantial year this city has ever seen. It is just like winter wheat. It has been getting ready for the spring and summer growth that carries it to maturity. Klamath Falls has now passed through its winter of getting ready. Now watch for the growth. It is going to be a bumper.

Klamath County is getting ready to do things, and when we say "Klamath County," we mean you, Mr. Reader, for every man will be expected to do his duty. Get ready to do it, and do it right.

TOURISTS THRU FRANCE BARRED

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The war department asks publicity for the fact that passports are not being granted for female relatives to visit France to meet husbands, fathers or brothers in the military service or engaged in war activities. Nor is the ban likely soon to be lifted.

The same thing, of course, applies to tourists. They are not wanted this year in France, and passports will not be granted to those having missions of this character. It is yet too early and conditions are still too far disturbed, it is stated, to permit visits by relatives, much less to open the gate to tourists who want to see the battlefields.

BAY CITY MACHINISTS WILL RETURN TO WORK.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 4.—Six thousand machinists made idle in the bay city region thru a difference with their employers over the Saturday half holiday, have been ordered to return to work by President Johnson of the International Lodge of Machinists.

Ask Chilcote & Smith about the LOW COST life, accident and health policies of the Travelers. 1-11

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at Reasonable Prices
KITCHEN CABINETS
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It isn't economy—and it isn't wise—to buy anything but the best in drugs.

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Underwood's Pharmacy
KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON

PERSONAL MENTION

LITTLE SIDELIGHTS ON LOCAL HAPPENINGS AMONG THE PEOPLE OF THIS CITY AND VICINITY. GOINGS AND COMINGS OF LOCAL FOLKS

Ross Finley is in the city from Merrill.

A. McKee is a County seat visitor from Chiloquin today.

E. H. Jefferson went to Bray this morning on matters of business.

M. P. Barry has left for Lakeview to look after business interests.

Mrs. F. J. Colahan of Merrill is visiting Mrs. Lina Mathews of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Goldthwaite are down for a short visit from Chiloquin.

Malison Brown is a guest at the Hotel Hall from Thermopolis, Wyoming.

J. E. Lee left this morning for Gazelle after a short business visit in Klamath County.

G. R. Walker is a recent arrival from Dunsmuir. He is a guest at the White Pelican Hotel.

"Absorbo," the best pipe in the world, at "The Smoke." 3-21

DISSOLUTION NOTICE

The undersigned wishes to announce that the partnership firm known as Powers & Fraser, operating a candy kitchen and pool room at Merrill, Oregon, was dissolved February 27th, Mr. William Powers taking over the business and assuming the obligations. (Signed) E. C. FRAZIER. 1-31

See Charles S. Hood, Klamath Agency, for Indian grazing lands and timber. 12-11

HOUSTON'S Metropolitan Amusements

HOUSTON'S OPERA HOUSE
DANCING SATURDAY EVENING
JAZZ MUSIC

STAR THEATER

—TODAY—
Thomas H. Ince Presents
CHARLES RAY
—In—
"HIS OWN HOME TOWN"
—Also—
Two Reels of Fun.
SPECIAL MUSIC
Admission 10 and 20 cents. Show Starts 7:30 and 9:15.

TEMPLE THEATER

—TODAY—
Blue Bird Features Present
FRITZIE BRUNETTE
—In—
"THE VELVET HAND."
—Also—
A Lyons and Moran Comedy.
Admission 10 & 15 cents Matinee 2:30. Evenings 7:30 & 9.

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TUESDAYS AND SATURDAYS
Merrill, Oregon

LIBERTY THEATER

"THE BEST IN PICTURES"
H. W. POOLE, Owner

TONIGHT

Mary MacLaren, the Girl with the Profile, in
"CREAKING STAIRS"

Funny Ford Sterling

—IN—
"FOOLS AND DUELS"

Anita King

—IN—
"WHATEVER THE COST"

Admission 10c and 20c

A child accompanied by parent admitted free with a 20c ticket, except Saturday night and Sunday night.

This Theater now properly Heated and Ventilated.

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