

WILL ASK KERN TO RESUBMIT OFFER TO CITY

Council Acts on Request of Improvement Club

LAST OFFER \$94,000

The Council Also Directed the Police Judge to Get Into Communication With All Cities on Pacific Coast Operating Municipal Plants and Ascertain Whether Their Operation Nets a Profit or a Loss

At the council meeting last night, the question of purchase by the city of the Kern Brothers power plant was taken up for consideration. This was done at the request of the Women's Improvement club, a committee from which was present at the meeting last evening. This organization has taken up the fight for the securing for Klamath Falls of a municipal light and water plant and it was for the purpose of inaugurating this movement that the club asked the council to take up and act upon the offer of the Kern Brothers to sell their power plant to the city for \$94,000.

Consideration of the question seemed to lack the enthusiasm that it should naturally evoke and after a desultory discussion of the question, Councilman Upp brought the matter to a definite point by moving that Kern Brothers re-submit their proposition, adding to it a definite statement as to just what they were undertaking to sell to the city. Mr. Upp also moved that the Police Judge communicate with all Pacific Coast cities operating municipal plants for the purpose of ascertaining whether they are operated at a profit or loss.

In course of the discussion of the proposition submitted by Kern Brothers, the following letter was read for information of the council:

Secretary Women's Improvement club Klamath Falls, Ore.
My Dear Madam:
You will find enclosed a statement showing the cost of the present equipment of the California, Oregon Power Company, as compared with an estimate of a municipal plant giving the same service into Klamath Falls.

I would like to call your attention to some of the differences, both in the construction and operation of these two plants and you will agree with me that these costs and expenses can be eliminated by the city and the saving thus made will be a direct benefit to the consumers of the municipal plant.

First, under item 1 you find a capital charge, allowed by the Public Service Commission, upon which the people of Klamath Falls are paying interest and depreciation, of \$105,672.00. This item represents land, water rights and going value. The Public Service Commission did not deem fit to itemize this account and as it represents over one third of the total capital upon which the people are paying interest it seems that it ought to be thoroughly scrutinized. The writer has no information that would be definite enough to make an estimate of the actual land value of the California, Oregon Power Company, but I know definitely that the total land value necessary for the successful operation of a municipal plant by the purchase of the Keno Power company plant would not exceed \$5,000. This leaves a balance of over \$100,000.00 chargeable to what, by their very nature, are a community asset. This is without the people, the water rights and going value would be nothing. Under item 4 you will note that the citizens of Klamath Falls have to pay interest and operating expense upon an investment of some \$74,000 for transmission purposes.

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FEDERAL OFFICIALS WHO ARE ROUNDING UP BOMB THROWING REDS.



Left to right: A. Mitchell Palmer, Francis P. Garvan and William J. Flynn

Close watch is being kept by the Department of Justice upon the bomb-throwing Reds. Attorney-General A. Palmer says they plan a new

in the near future. Here are three of the men who are directing the rounding up of dangerous radicals.

William J. (Chief) Flynn is head of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice, and Francis P. Garvan is one of the department's live wires.

CALIFORNIA CLAIMS LAND

WILL FIGHT THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT FOR TITLE TO KLAMATH TULE LANDS

California is going to take up the fight for the title to the lands of the Lower Klamath lake, and which is now claimed by the government under the contract between that state and the Reclamation Service. The latter claims that it is entitled to it because it has been uncovered through the recession of the water, and that the Service has between two and three hundred thousand dollars invested in the lake lands by reason of work done there and the maintenance of an experimental farm. Of course, the Reclamation Service officials do not now admit that most of this money was spent in a desperate effort to ruin the tule land and that it did everything possible to prove, by the experimental farm, that the land was alkaline; nor do they say anything about the fact that if it had not been for private capital and effort the water would today be standing over thousands of acres of land now being cultivated. Neither do they admit that it was only after the Reclamation Service stepped aside for private capital that real reclamation was commenced.

The following from the Sacramento Union tells of the contemplated fight of that grand old state of California for the rights of its citizens, and it is needless to say that the good will and moral support of the people of Klamath will be back of any move California may make to pry loose the death grip that the Reclamation Service is trying to fasten on to the tule lands of the Lower Klamath:

The next step in the controversy over the title to tule lands surrounding lower Klamath lake will be an action brought by the state of California in the federal courts, if the state is determined to prosecute the case, Deputy Attorney General R. T. McKisick predicted yesterday, although he did not venture the statement authoritatively. A number of Sacramento men are concerned in the matter, having filed on claims in that district. Among them are Fontaine Johnson, John L. Davis, Dwight Miller, Ed. Dalton, William S. Cowan and R. L. Telfer.

McKisick explained, after reading the opinion of Alexander T. Vogel-sang, first assistant secretary of the interior, that the state desired, in the segregation survey, to define the boundaries of the lake itself, which it claims to be entirely separate from the surrounding tule lands, comprising about 29,000 acres south of the Oregon.

The federal government claims these lands under an act of the Cal-

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WEATHER REPORT

OREGON Fair, warmer east portion. Wednesday fair, warmer, gentle northwesterly winds. Maximum 78 degrees. Minimum 45 degrees.

ASKED TO VOTE ON PROPOSAL

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 8.—Telephone strikers will be asked to pass tonight on a proposal by L. C. Grasser international vice-president of the Brotherhood of Workers, that they submit their grievances to the mediation of men selected by President Wilson or Secretary of Labor Wilson. Postmaster General Burleson's proposal for arbitration in the matter by the Wire Control Board met with no approval from the strike leaders.

WILSON ENTERS N. Y. HARBOR

NEW YORK, July 8.—President Wilson, after a five months absence from the United States, approached the harbor at ten o'clock this morning on the George Washington, which was convoyed by destroyers. Labor leaders, headed by Samuel Compers were numbered among the many who went down the bay to meet the President.

Vice-President and Mrs. Marshall, secretary of the Navy, Josephus Daniels and wife, and many other members of the cabinet, together with congressmen and senators went to meet the transport George Washington when it arrived in the harbor this afternoon.

NEW YORK CAR AT CRATER LAKE.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Steinwell, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Goldsmith and family, motored to Crater Lake Sunday, stopping on their return trip for a brief visit with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Alt, who are stopping at their summer home at Odessa. While at the lake Mr. Steinwell saw two eastern cars, one from New York and one from Chicago, in addition there were over sixty other cars from all over the west, thus indicating the increasing interest manifested in Klamath's greatest wonder.

BURLESON SAYS HE IS NOT TO RESIGN

WASHINGTON, July 8.—Postmaster General Burleson declared that there was no foundation for the circulation of the report that he had sent his resignation to President Wilson.

BRANDENBURG NEXT PRESIDENT

NOT OF THE UNITED STATES, BUT OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF KLAMATH FALLS, HAVING BEEN ELECTED LAST NIGHT

After posing the question of the grade of Fifth street over to the city engineer and granting a permit to S. T. Lubwin to erect a shop on lot 6, block 85, it was decided that the time had arrived for the election of a president, and accordingly C. K. Brandenburg was chosen to fill the office. Mr. Brandenburg is councilman from the second ward, was elected last fall and took the oath of office in June.

ASKS TIMBER MEN TO UNITE HOLDINGS

With the view of consolidating the timber interests in this part of the country, H. Chaney, representing the timber holding in and about Coos Bay, spent yesterday in Klamath Falls interviewing the various owners of scattered timber. His aim is to unite all the smaller owners in Klamath County so that they may be ready to supply the needs that will arise for timber thruout the county.

Mr. Chaney was intensely enthusiastic over Klamath Falls both from a scenic and business standpoint and is certain that there is unlimited prosperity ahead of the community. He left this morning for Lakeview.

PICTURES END FIGHT ARGUMENT

TOLEDO, O. July 8.—Controversy ended this morning concerning the number of times that Dempsey had knocked down Willard in the first round of their Fourth of July battle, with the showing of the motion pictures before Tex Richard and a party of friends. Willard was sent to the canvas seven different times under the terrific pummeling given him by the new world's champion. The concessionary who expected to reap a harvest at the fight lost heavily on peanuts, and lemonade as well as transportation and dormitory schemes.

MISS MOMYER ELECTED CLERK.

At a meeting of the school directors of School District No. 1, held last evening, Miss Ida B. Momyer, cashier of the Klamath State Bank, was re-elected clerk for the ensuing year. Aside from this only routine business was transacted.

COMMERCIAL CLUB MEETING

PROPOSED REORGANIZATION WILL BE UNDERTAKEN TO- MORROW NIGHT—NEW TOWN PLAN TO BE CONSIDERED

A meeting is called for tomorrow night, at 8 o'clock, to be held in the council chambers of the city hall, for the purpose of finally starting the reorganization of the Commercial Club. Benjamin S. Worsley, of Astoria, who has had much to do with commercial and promotion propositions, will be there to address the meeting, and as he has a message that will be of interest and value to the people of Klamath Falls, the opportunity of hearing him should not be lost.

For some weeks a committee has been busy on the work of getting subscriptions, and a report of its labors will be made at the meeting. One of the important matters that will claim immediate attention will be the proposed new town or town-site that it is reported has been located and which will have a very important bearing on the future of Klamath Falls if it finally becomes a fact.

Every effort is to be made to have a large attendance, and with that end in view the help of the Women's Improvement club has been secured, as it seems to be the only factor in the city with life enough to do anything for the welfare of the community.

JURY GIVES OUT VERDICT IN CASE.

The little daughter of Louis Robin of Mills Addition, who was wounded Saturday afternoon by being struck in the back of the neck by a stray bullet from a 22 caliber rifle, was injured by unknown hands, according to the findings made by the jury, which met yesterday afternoon in the General Hospital to determine the cause of the accident.

Opinions were so varied from the witnesses who appeared that the jury was unable to find any direct clue to the one who fired the shot that struck the child. A simple verdict of "injury by unknown hands" was turned in by the jurymen. Frank Upp, J. F. Maguire, H. N. Moe, A. E. Whitman, Carl Plath, and Fred Houston composed the jury. The witnesses that appeared to give testimony were George Humphrey, Mrs. Polly Styles, Mrs. Tom Howell, Mrs. Alex Hubert, Dr. G. A. Massey, Frank Kasua, and John Wallen.

Word received from the hospital this morning was to the effect that the little girl was resting easily and was out of any immediate danger. For a time it was thought that the bullet had penetrated the brain but further investigation showed that it had not struck a vital spot.

RELIEF CORPS ON VACATION.

The Women's Relief Corps which has been meeting here regularly twice each month during the war, will discontinue the meetings from now until the regular date for the last meeting in August and that this meeting will be of a social nature, in accordance with a decision made at a meeting of the Corps last evening. There are fewer things of importance to be taken up at this season and the workers are planning a vacation.

A committee consisting of Mrs. Henrietta Brookfield, Florence Brandenburg, Veneta Bunting, Nannie J. Amicke, Alice Baldwin, Anna Bean and Annie Biehn was appointed to take charge of the next meeting.

COUNCIL'S WILL BINDING ON ALL

PARIS, July 8.—Agreement by the Allied council for the trial of the former Kaiser was tacit but regarded as absolutely binding on all parties. Lloyd George, who is assuming a moving hand in the proceedings to bring the Kaiser to trial suggested London as the place for the hearing. None of the council members objected to his proposal.

PARKER PLEASED WITH OUTLOOK

REPRESENTATIVE OF LARGE FLEISCHACKER INTERESTS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT CONDI- TIONS IN KLAMATH FALLS

"People all over the state of Oregon and even as far inland as Nevada, are inquiring about our Klamath Falls country for future home sites and industrial plants," according to W. B. Parker, who is here for his semi-monthly visit representing the Fleischacker interests.

Mr. Parker, always enthusiastic concerning the future of the Klamath Falls country, is more pleased than ever at this time following his recent visit to Salt Lake City and the surrounding territory in Nevada, "Klamath Falls is very much on the map and will continue to be so," said Mr. Parker. "I'm delighted with the outlook—I never saw the community wearing a warmer or better glow than it now is. It will continue so and increase steadily."

An emphatic "no" was Mr. Parker's reply when asked whether or not Klamath Falls was going thru a boom stage. "We have thirty billion feet of standing timber in our immediate vicinity. Our sheep and cattle values are enormous—we have the foundation stones, the bulwarks of a great little city in time. Our resources are too vast and encompassing to permit our growth and prosperity to be a fluctuating, 'up and down' nature."

Mr. Parker will remain in town until the latter part of the month and then will return to San Francisco, where the headquarters of the Fleischacker interests are located.

TRUCK DRIVER IS APPOINTED.

Mayor Struble has solved the question of a truck driver for the fire department, which has been causing him much annoyance, by appointing F. C. Miller, an employee of the Ford Garage, to the job. The appointment carries a salary of \$100 per month, but the council allowed an additional \$25 per month for repairs to the truck, that to be the maximum sum to be expended and all work to be done by Mr. Miller. Thus two purposes were served: A living wage was paid to the driver and a limit placed on the cost of repairs, which at times have mounted as high as \$100 a month. The mayor is to be congratulated on solving the problem in such a sensible manner.

OPPOSE FIFTH STREET GRADE

LAST NIGHT'S SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL IS ENLIVENED BY A QUESTION THAT THE EN- GINEER MUST DECIDE

If you hear City Engineer Zumwalt talking to himself and he should be saying "Oh! Lord deliver me," do not think that he has become queer. He is just worried. And it all comes from his having to decide the question of grade for Fifth street. Several of the property owners between Main and Pine streets were at the council meeting last night for the purpose of settling this matter and the council, like all good councils have a habit of doing, passed the buck, and before Mr. Zumwalt realized what had happened it was right in front of him. For the next few days he will be giving the "high sign" to a number of assistants and then he will make out his report to the council. After that he will "beat it" to the tall uncut and thus save his scalp and many hours of arguments for the defense.

WILL ADD JAZZ TO ORCHESTRA.

Rex Stratton, formerly of the University of Oregon, arrived Sunday evening in Klamath Falls, where he will spend the summer months. Stratton is an excellent musician and will play regularly at the Star Theatre and the jazz orchestra at the opera house, for the mid-week and week-end dances.