

COUNCIL SEES LOOPHOLE FOR RAISING LEVY

By Excluding Interest Fund, City Administration Finds It Can Raise \$73,000 Budget and Still Keep Within 15 Mill Charter Limit

The city council, bowing to the inevitable as expressed by the voters in denying a raise in the tax rate at the special election, spent the greater part of last night in attempting to "onscrew the onscrutable," and when the session broke up at 2:00 o'clock this morning, while no definite budget for the coming fiscal year had been established, seemed in a fair way of doing the undoable.

In other words, by construing the effect of the state constitutional amendment to be a supersession of the city charter, the council expects to raise some \$73,000 for the coming year with a rate of 13 mills on the dollar for general purposes and 2.5 mills to meet the interest on the bonded indebtedness, 22.5 mills in all.

Law volumes were considerably in evidence at the session. The city charter section, relating to tax levies, having been digested, the mayor declared a recess about midnight, and Councilman Brandenburg departed, to return after a time with a copy of the 1917 statutes. After a careful reading of the constitutional amendment, which, according to their construction, allows the exclusion of the bond interest, the council took heart.

The state law, according to the council's interpretation, allows the exclusion of the bond interest from the general levy. The interest fund last year was \$27,000. This interest amount, subtracted from last year's budget of \$66,889, plus the 4 per cent increase allowed by the constitutional amendment, gives the city about \$42,000 for general purposes, which, on an assessed valuation of \$3,275,000, can be raised by a 13 mill rate. Nine and one-half mills will be added on each dollar to meet the interest on the city's bonds. There will be added interest of \$3200 this year on the new sewer bonds.

The foregoing is rough figuring, for the council hit only the high places in its mathematical endeavors last night. They gave it up at 2 o'clock to meet again this afternoon to smooth up the edges and itemize the various funds needed. The budget estimate must be filed with the county clerk before closing time tonight to comply with the statute. If anyone expected pyrotechnics at last night's session, the placid conduct of the council was a disappointment. The session started with a large audience in the council chamber, but, as the evening waned without startling developments, the crowd's yawns grew momentarily broader and by ones and twos they dispersed, until by midnight few were left.

There was no lopping of heads in any of the departments or no other retrenchment plan outlined. It is understood that for the remainder of the year the police and fire departments will not be curtailed. Afterward developments will dictate the policy. The paid firemen at present are drawing pay from the general fund, the fire department fund having a deficit of about \$1000.

Prior to the financial discussion the council pursued a dull routine. The customary first of the month claims were audited and allowed. The petition of Mrs. Pardeau for a license to conduct the Lakeview rooming house, pending for a couple of weeks, was denied.

Mayor Struble announced the selection of Dr. A. A. Soule, Judge N. C. Chapman and J. B. Campbell as members of the municipal boxing commission, petitioned for by 50, or more, citizens last week.

A resolution prepared by Don J. Zumwalt, city engineer, proposing

RANCH AND SHEEP CHANGE OWNERSHIP

The Wilson Brothers, well-known sheepmen, have sold their ranch near the Stukel bridge, midway between this city and Merrill, to Irma Hooley. The ranch contained approximately 400 acres and is considered one of the best in the valley. Mr. Hooley is taking possession of the place today. Practically all of the sheep were disposed of to Parrish & Son & Dexter of Yreka, the sellers retaining a small band.

THIS ONE DID NOT GET AWAY

An aura of joy, which has enveloped one of the linotype machines at The Herald office for two days, showed no signs of disappearing today, and an atmosphere of well-fed lassitude pervades the entire office, as the result of the Waltonian triumph of Frank Rector, linotype operator, over a 10 1/2-pound rainbow trout on Link river Sunday, and the consequent feeding of the entire Herald force on epicurean steaks from the piscatorial heavyweight.

Sleeping and waking, Rector has been casting for the defunct rainbow, or one just like him, for the last seven years. Snow and cold and hardship, broken tackle and all sorts of "fisherman's luck" failed to daunt the angler. When absent for several years from Klamath Falls, he still in fancy pursued that Link river trout. Friends smiled when he told the old, old story of "the big fellow that I almost, etc.," but ridicule only made the pursuer more dogged in his efforts, and Sunday he turned the tables on fish and friends alike.

The rainbow weighed 10 pounds and 7 ounces and measured 31 inches in length and was caught in the first rapids below the outlet of the Upper Lake. F. W. Riggs accompanied Rector and landed a couple of smaller fish, one a four-pounder.

FARM BUREAU TO MEET HERE NEXT SATURDAY

The organization meeting for the Farm Bureau, District No. 3, consisting of Algoma, Klamath Falls, and Summer school, will be held at the county agricultural agent's office at 2:30 Saturday afternoon. While this meeting is for the specific purpose of adopting a program of work, selecting committees, etc., for the district above named, anyone interested in the Farm Bureau movement is invited to attend, whether residents of the district or not.

This meeting is the close of a series of community meetings for the purpose of developing a program of work to be undertaken by the Klamath County Farm Bureau for the coming year.

The county-wide meeting, at which time the county officers will be elected, will be held in Klamath Falls, Wednesday, December 10. The day's program will appear at an early date. At this county-wide meeting everyone interested in the agriculture and livestock development of Klamath county is invited to be present, whether a member of this organization or not.

WANTS CITIZENSHIP

John Denehy, Irish, has filed a petition for naturalization with the clerk of the circuit court. He is a sheepman at Merrill, about 40 years old, and has lived in this county for a number of years.

change in the grade on the hill section of Eighth street, was read and laid over until the engineer could be present and explain it.

RESOURCES OF COUNTY LURE HIM TO LOCATE

"That is the best advertisement that Klamath Falls—or any other city—can get," said S. J. Harrison of Sunnyside, Washington, as he put his finger on the story in the Herald about the First National bank of this city having gone over the two million dollar mark. Mr. Harrison is what might truly be termed the father of Sunnyside, Washington. He is a man of wide experience and extensive interests, and has come to Klamath county for the purpose of making an investment in a stock ranch. He drove through here last summer on his way to California—and the attention of the man who thinks that it does not pay to have good roads for tourists is especially called to this story. Continuing, Mr. Harrison said:

"When I drove through this county last summer, I could not help but see the wonderful possibilities here and decided to return at some future time and invest if I could find what I wanted. I am here to do that very thing and one of the most satisfying pieces of propaganda that I have come across is this bank story. It tells me volumes, as it will tell others who go into the substantial development of a community before investing.

"You have something—or rather, someone else here that is a big asset to your county—you have an agricultural agent who knows his business, is on the job and tells the truth. I never met the man or knew him before going to learn certain things about the soil and climate that I wanted to know. I learned them from him in a manner that gave me confidence both in him and the county.

"My coming here is only doing what many others must do, if they have the opportunity to pass through the county as they travel. The great possibilities must be apparent to anyone taking the trouble to observe present conditions. Ten years will bring great changes and a decade is a short space of time in this age of activity. This section is just getting its start and when it gets to moving there will be many surprises for the doubters."

Mr. Harrison is a banker, landowner, stockman, former newspaper publisher and a preacher, thus showing his wide experience. He has been an important factor in placing his section of the State of Washington on the map, and it is to be hoped that he will take similar action in this territory, should he become one of its property owners.

NEW CABINET MEMBER CHOSEN

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 2.—Joshua W. Alexander, of Gallatin, Mo., member of the House of Representatives, was selected by President Wilson today to succeed William C. Redfield as secretary of commerce. The nomination will go to the Senate late today or early tomorrow.

LABOR COUNCIL ENDORSES THE ASHURST BILL

The Central Labor Council, after hearing arguments for and against the proposed bill for opening the Klamath Indian reservation, unanimously decided to endorse the Ashurst bill, at its meeting last night.

The council was impressed by the argument of Edward B. Ashurst, sponsor for the bill, that it would turn over tribal property only to those Indians competent to manage their own affairs; that others unable to properly care for their property will be looked after by the government.

Fred A. Baker spoke against the bill. He said that posterity would feel the pernicious effects of this legislation if the bill goes through in its present form. He called attention to the evil that would follow the deforestation of the watershed should the big timber corporations gain control of the Indians' land and leg it without regard to the principles of good forestry.

Mr. Ashurst opened the debate for the bill, and Mr. Baker his argument against it, after which Mr. Ashurst again took the floor in rebuttal. Mr. Ashurst laid stress on the effect that the local labor council's action would have on future action by state and national labor bodies, who would be guided largely by the action, he believed, of the labor closest to the scene of controversy.

After hearing the arguments, the room was cleared of all but union delegates and the council in executive session, endorsed the bill.

REAPER CALLS STEEL MAGNATE

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Henry Clay Frick, steel magnate, died at his home here today from the results of an attack of ptomaine poisoning which he suffered about a month ago.

The career of Henry Clay Frick has formed one of the most fascinating chapters in the romance of industry in the United States. At ten, a boy on a farm in a family of only ordinary means, he was, at sixty, a man of so many millions that his fortune, like those of Carnegie and Rockefeller, was largely a matter of guess-work, even to himself. It has been said he was worth more than \$100,000,000, perhaps as much as \$200,000,000.

Mr. Frick built up the greatest coke business in the world, and acquired such vast interests in steel that he was also one of the principal magnates in that industry, and in rounding out his career he became known as one of the world's greatest collectors of master paintings.

He was born December 19, 1849, at West Overton, Pa. Early in life he entered the coke trade, then in its infancy, and on its development founded his fortune.

Through the coke business he be-

TRAIN BANDIT ESCAPES POSSE

CASPER, Wyo., Dec. 2.—William Carlisle, train robber, escaped from a sheriff's posse near Glendo last night, by leaping through a window as members of the posse were about to enter the house. Carlisle's capture is expected hourly. He is suffering from a wound in the hand and the temperature is ten degrees below zero.

STAFF OF LIFE PRICE BOOSTED

After hesitating for weeks in the hope that the cost of production would take a drop, J. Hirvi, of the Hirvi Baking company made the announcement this week of an increase in the wholesale price of bread to fifteen cents a loaf. This has necessitated an advance in the retail price to seventeen cents—at least that is the price he is asking the grocers to sell the bread for. This increase in the wholesale and retail prices is the same as was made some weeks ago in San Francisco and Portland, where the costs are lower than here and where, after a thorough investigation, the authorities admitted the new price was justified. Speaking of the change, Mr. Hirvi said:

"I have been losing money for months and the time has come when I can see no other course to follow. I am sorry that it has to be done, and the only thing I ask for is the co-operation of the grocers and the fair consideration of the public. Just as soon as I can lower the price I will do it."

The prospects of lower prices are not very bright and Mr. Hirvi need not anticipate any such a much-to-be-desired reduction, for the reason that there is a great scarcity of baker's flour and reports from Portland are to the effect that by spring the price of bread will be twenty cents a loaf, or higher.

O'NEILL-BAKER DEBATE OPERA HOUSE TONIGHT

C. M. O'Neill and Fred A. Baker will debate the Ashurst bill for the opening of the Klamath Indian Reservation tonight at the Houston Opera House. Mr. O'Neill upholds the bill, while Mr. Ashurst opposes it strongly. The argument will be worth listening to. The meeting is open to all. Mr. Ashurst will also speak for the measure. The debate opens at 8 o'clock.

came associated with Andrew Carnegie, who was just laying the foundations for the immense industry he later developed.

Besides large interests in the United Steel Corporation Mr. Frick was one of the largest owners of Pennsylvania railroad stock. He was also a power in the Baltimore & Ohio, Norfolk & Western and other roads.

On December 15, 1881, Mr. Frick was married to Miss Ada Howard Childes of Pittsburg. Four children were born to them; two boys and two girls. Mrs. Frick, one son and one daughter survive.

WIDE LATITUDE IS COVERED BY THE PRESIDENT

Message to Sixty-sixth Congress Recommends Great Variety of Advanced Legislation—Radicalism Is Attacked—Tariff Changes Urged

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—General recommendations on legislation to combat the high cost of living, labor unrest, radicalism and measures tending to a readjustment of the nation to a peace time basis were features of President Wilson's annual message to the sixty-sixth Congress, delivered today.

The peace treaty, the President told Congress, will be discussed in a separate message later, as will the railroad question. For the second time only since the President established the practice of addressing Congress in person, the message today was read by clerks.

The President's principal recommendations included:—establishment of the budget system for national finances, re-organization of the taxation system, with simplification of income and increased profits taxes and a readjustment of the tariff system, if necessary, to meet changed industrial conditions.

Recognition of the services of the veteran soldiers of the world war, and relief for them, particularly in the way of government farms as proposed by Secretary Lane of the Department of the Interior, was among the measures suggested.

An enlarged program for rural development measures which will remove causes for restlessness in the body politic was touched on and the President strongly renewed his recommendations for legislation to deal with "those persons who, by violent methods would abrogate our time tested institutions."

Apparently having in mind the coal strike injunction order the President in the message asserted that, while the right to strike is inviolate and should not be interfered with by any government process, there is a predominant right and that is the right of the government to protect all its people and to assert its power and majesty against any class.

The government, he said, when it asserts that right, seeks not to antagonize a class, but simply to defend the rights of the whole people against irreparable injury.

INNOVATION IN CHURCH SERVICE

The congregation of the M. E. church was treated to an impromptu service, very much in the nature of an innovation, Sunday evening, when William Lowe Patton, Major Mills and Miss Graham, talented members of the Ellison-White chautauqua circuit took charge of the service.

Major Mills read an uplifting article entitled "The Falling Shadow," Miss Graham gave a reading of one of Kipling's poems and Mr. Patton gave several piano selections.

The chautauqua artists happened to be passing through the city, and were recognized among the congregation at the morning service by the Rev. Mr. Chaney, who asked them to take charge of the evening service.

The result is reported to have been highly pleasing to the audience.

Major Mills, Miss Graham and Mr. Patton will be in Klamath Falls on two or more occasions this year and it is expected on the occasion of their coming visits to arrange matters so that a larger audience can hear them.

SECOND TERM OF NIGHT SCHOOL OPEN

The second term of Night school opened last night at the High School and all those who wish to continue can start the second term of their work and those wishing to begin for the first time to take a business course can start at this time.

ONLY 20 MORE SHOPPING DAYS—UNTIL CHRISTMAS!

