

CITY COUNCIL MAKES CHANGE IN FIRE CHIEFS

F. C. Miller Will Be Replaced by Keith Ambrose, Former Head of Fire Department—Change to Become Effective on March 15.

Keith Ambrose, former chief of the fire department, who was granted a leave of absence when he enlisted in the United States army during the war, was reinstated as fire chief by the city council last night, the reinstatement to be effective March 15. The change in heads of the fire department took place at the close of the session. Details had evidently been all worked out, Councilman Upp putting the motion for the reinstatement of the former chief, which was seconded and carried without argument or delay.

When Chief Miller was asked today whether he would remain until March 15, he said:

"That rests entirely with Mr. Ambrose. I have the highest regard for him. When he returned from the war I offered to resign, as I felt that inasmuch as he stepped down and out to fight for his country, it was only the right thing for me to step down and out when he came back. If he desired to resume his old duties, and I so advised him, the mayor and city council, and there the matter rested. Just prior to the first meeting of the council in January, when these changes are usually made, Mayor Struble advised me that he was not going to make any change, and I naturally presumed that I was to continue in office. The first intimation I had that a change was contemplated came to me when asked by The Herald what I was going to do. The only criticism that I have to make of the mayor lies in the discourtesy practiced in failing to take me into his confidence. Common decency required at least this much."

There is one thing that Chief Miller has done ever since he was appointed—he has worked day in and day out to reduce the fire hazards of the city. He naturally encountered some opposition, but this he smoothed out and usually brought about the results he sought to accomplish without apparently very much friction or inconvenience. The changes he has made will be enduring and will be sure to result in making the administration of the situation a much easier task for his successor.

Except for the change in the fire department, there was nothing out of the ordinary routine transacted during the session. H. W. Poole, owner of the Liberty theater, asked a continuance of a week in consideration of the ordinance regulating theaters, on the ground that other theater men could not be present for discussion last night, and his request was granted.

E. C. Stuckey was granted permission to erect a wooden building, 24 by 50 feet, at Pine and Eleventh streets, to be used as a carpenter and cabinet-making shop.

Robert Ryan, appearing for the board of directors of the Moose hall, secured permission to build a stairway from the rear exit to the street, to be used only in emergency. He stated that while the building had been declared exceptionally safe by expert architects, and the underwriters had voluntarily lowered the insurance rate, the controlling board wished to install the stairway and make the exit available in case of need.

Rooming house renewal permits were granted the Hall hotel, Houston hotel, Klamath rooming house, Moorman rooming house, Nevada rooming house, and Gray rooming house.

Discussion of street and sewer improvements occupied some of the council's time. It was the general opinion that preliminary work on the Mills Addition sewer should start as

WOMEN APPOINTED ON CONVENTION COMMITTEE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—The appointment of a committee of 17 members, including two women, to arrange for the Democratic national convention at San Francisco, June 28, was announced today by Chairman Cummings of the national committee. This is the first time that women have had a hand in the preliminary arrangements of a presidential nomination convention.

LARGE TIMBER TRANSACTION IS MADE IN NORTH

One of the largest timber sales ever recorded in this country is promised through the action of the Long-Bell Lumber Company of Kansas City, Mo., in securing an option on 75,000 acres of timber owned by the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company and located in the Cowlitz valley, in the Columbia river district. The purchase, it is said, will total approximately \$6,000,000. Arrangements for the transaction were concluded by R. A. Long, of the Long-Bell Company, and George S. Long, coast representative of the Weyerhaeuser interests.

The deal has been pending for several months, according to timbermen, and only recently the Kansas City company secured an option upon the property. Little doubt is expressed that the deal will be closed shortly. Immediate development of the tract by logging and operation of mills is expected, as the Long-Bell company is known to be a concern interested primarily in cutting rather than in holding its standing timber.

The Long-Bell Company, one of the greatest operators in the southern pine belt, recently entered the western field by purchasing a large area of standing white pine timber near Klamath Falls, and uniting the Weed and the McCloud River Lumber companies. Purchase of the additional tract in the Cowlitz valley is taken to indicate extensive developments by the company on the Pacific coast, preparatory to a slowing down of operations in the south, where standing timber is getting scarce.

The timber is yellow fir of medium size and will total approximately two billion feet, according to local timber cruisers, who are familiar with the tract. A price of \$8 a thousand feet is said to be provided in the option, and if this is the correct figure the total purchase price will reach \$6,000,000.

The tract is located west of the Cowlitz and in the same neighborhood as the Inman-Poulsen Company's and the Eastern & Western Lumber Company's holdings.—Oregonian.

ASHURST THANKS LABOR COUNCIL

Edward B. Ashurst, who is at Washington, D. C., in the interests of his bill proposing the opening of the Klamath Indian reservation in a letter to the Klamath Central Labor Council, written at Detroit, Mich., while en route to the capital, thanks the council for their support of the Ashurst bill and asks for letters of introduction to Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor.

Evidently the sponsor for the bill hopes to line up the labor organizations in support of his measure.

WEATHER REPORT.

OREGON—Tonight and Wednesday, fair; continued cold southerly winds.

soon as possible and the matters of rights-of-way and site for the septic tank and advertising for bids for the work were spoken of. No definite decision was reached.

LABOR COUNCIL OFFERS AID TO ENUMERATORS

The Central Labor council at its meeting last night unanimously agreed to contribute the support of its members to aid in securing full census statistics for this city, and telegraphed W. A. Terrell, the district supervisor of census, at Wasco, an offer to aid in any way that Mr. Terrell might direct.

The help that members of the council can give should be valuable to the census enumerators in securing a complete list of the industrial population of the city, one of the hardest tasks that confronts the enumerator, according to reports of those who have been appointed to take the census.

The wire to the supervisor was as follows:—"The Central Labor council, comprising seven unions and representing, with its affiliations, 1500 people of Klamath county, tenders you its full resources to make the enumeration in this county 100 per cent. Wire at our expense how we may best co-operate with you."

W. F. KAY, secretary.

DAIRYMEN TO MEET THURSDAY

Thursday evening, January 15th, a meeting is called of all interested in the development of the dairy industry of Klamath county, at the Miller HBI school house on the Midland road. A movement has been started by a number of men heavily interested in the dairy business to develop this industry to its fullest possibilities.

Among other things to be discussed are the possibilities of the producers themselves handling the creamery business. Facts regarding the operation and management of farmers' creameries throughout Oregon will be presented at this meeting. The information is furnished by the Dairy division of the State Agricultural college and should be of particular interest to all dairymen.

The meeting is called for 8.30 p. m., in order to accommodate a number of the dairymen who have asked for this time. All who are interested in this important matter are urged to be present.

STATE ASKED TO BUILD BEND KLAMATH R. R.

The biggest proposal scheduled for submission to the special session of the legislature is a plan for the construction of a railroad between Bend and Klamath Falls by state co-operation if not with state aid to a greater or less extent. The concurrent resolution, or the bill as it may be determined, is now being drafted and will be ready for introduction soon after the session is opened.

The proposal, as outlined in the rough, would mark a new departure in railroad construction in Oregon should it be approved by the legislature. It contemplates, first, that the state highway commission be given the power and authority to construct a highway grade of sufficient width, should it so desire, that a standard railroad line could be laid along one side without interfering with the use of the road by automobile or other traffic. It would also provide for the appointment of a non-salaried commission by the governor to make a full investigation into the feasibility of laying a rail line along the state highway between Bend and Klamath Falls, including ascertainment of construction costs, gradients, operating costs and all information necessary to determine the feasibility of the construction, maintenance and operation of the line.

With this authority given to the state highway commission, and the machinery of the separate commission ready to operate, the main idea back of the proposal could be worked out, and if found feasible, put into effect.

The development of this idea includes the negotiation of an agreement between the state on the one hand and the O-W. R. & N. and the Oregon Trunk in the other, under which the rails now unused between the Columbia main line and Bend up the Deschutes canyon would be taken up and relaid on the grade provided between Bend and Klamath Falls, the entire line when finally completed between Klamath Falls and the junction with the main line tracks at the Columbia to be under a common use or between the two operating companies.

It is argued by those who are backing the plan that the cost to the state of widening the main highway between Bend and Klamath Falls, as the route has been located on the road map by the legislature, sufficiently to permit the construction of

COURT SAYS RETAILERS NEEDN'T REVEAL COST

HELENA, Jan. 13.—United States District Judge Borquin today granted an injunction against the Montana trade commission, halting the operation of the commission order which would compel the retail dealers to mark cost prices upon goods offered for sale in the state.

KLAMATH STATE BANK OFFICES ARE CHOSEN

At a meeting of the directors of the Klamath State Bank, held last evening the following officers were chosen:

President, O. D. Burke; vice president, J. A. Gordon; cashier, Miss Ida B. Mommyer; assistant cashier, J. I. Beard; teller, Mrs. G. E. Moore; attorney, C. F. Stone.

No better barometer of the development of a community can be found than the growth of the banks. This is particularly true to Klamath Falls, and no greater growth of a financial institution can be found anywhere than that made by the Klamath State Bank. Starting but a little over a year ago, the resources have already passed the \$600,000 mark, and if the increase continues it will, before another twelve months be in the million dollar class. The building that was erected and considered adequate for several years is already comfortably filled and changes to meet increased business will have to be made immediately and another year will call for further expansion.

BUS CATCHES FIRE

A fire alarm was turned in from the Southern Pacific depot last evening when the Western Transfer company bus caught fire from a backfire of the engine. The department responded, but the fire had been quenched with a hand extinguisher before they reached the scene. The damage to the bus was confined to the engine. The vehicle was full of passengers when the fire started.

TWO SUITS DISMISSED.

Two suits in the circuit court were dismissed yesterday by Judge Kykendall on non-suit motions by Plaintiffs. One action was by J. S. Watts against Ben Daly, the other the First National Bank of Klamath Falls against Clay and George W. Howell.

a rail line along one side would be relatively small. Practically the entire distance, it is pointed out, is a level table land which would require but few cuts or fills.

It is argued, also, that the long reaches of non-productive territory between Klamath Falls and Bend make it likely, if not practically certain, that neither of the two railroad systems will extend their lines for some time to come. In the meantime, it is pointed out, the growing business of the Klamath country is being gobbled up by California notwithstanding the natural desire of the people of the district to effect business connections in their own state.

Fronting these conditions it is argued that the state could well afford to furnish the grade for the extension, particularly as it would at the same time be engaged in grading for the state highway, provided that an agreement could be reached with the railroads to join hands in laying the rails and operating trains were the grade to be furnished.

It is not contemplated by those back of the scheme that the state would part with title to the grade but that it would merely grant an easement over it, to be used under such terms and conditions and for such time as might be determined by agreement between the railroad companies and the state.

It is expected that tentative figures on mileage, gradients and construction costs, especially insofar as these might affect the state, will be assembled for presentation before the legislature for its consideration in connection with the proposed plan when it is laid before the session.

COURT DECIDES OLCOTT HOLDS TO TERM'S END

Governor's Office Will Not Be Included in Ballot at 1920 Elections, According to Majority Decision of State Supreme Court.

SALEM, Jan. 13.—The state supreme court today decided that Governor Olcott retains his office throughout the entire unexpired term of the late Governor Withycombe. The prevailing opinion was written by Justices Johns, Bennett, Bean, and McBride. Justices Harris, Benson, and Burnett dissented.

The case was taken to the supreme court in the form of a mandamus proceeding to compel Olcott, as secretary of state, to include the office of governor in the list of offices to be certified to the county clerks of the state to be filled by election this year.

SPORTSMEN ARE NOW ORGANIZED

Sportsmen of Klamath county were well represented at the meeting of the County Sportsmen's association at the Klamath Development company's office last evening, when the work of effecting a permanent organization was completed by the election of officers for 1920 and adoption of constitution and bylaws. The constitution and bylaws of the old association, which has been dormant but not entirely dead for the last two years were found practical for continued use.

The officers elected are as follows: J. B. Chambers, president; O. W. Robertson, vice-president; Francis Olds, secretary, and J. H. Parker, treasurer.

A resolution was adopted supporting the present fish and game controversy that has been raised since the dismissal of State Biologist Finley, and the association is prepared to take active steps, if necessary, to prevent Klamath county being left without a representative on the fish and game commission in the proposed reorganization of the commission by the state legislature.

LOCAL GIRL IS WED IN PHOENIX

Announcement has been made by Mr. and Mrs. Kip Van Riper of the marriage of their daughter, Miss Josephine, to Mr. Cecil J. Richardson, of Phoenix, Arizona. The ceremony was performed in the Hotel Annex, at Phoenix, Saturday evening, Dec. 27th, at 8:30 o'clock and was witnessed only by immediate relatives and a few close friends. The couple was attended by the bride's sister, Miss Lillian Van Riper, and Mr. Harold Turner. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson left immediately on a wedding trip to Tucson, after which they will make their home in Phoenix, where Mr. Richardson is engaged in cotton growing. The best wishes of a host of friends in this city will attend Mrs. Richardson, who is a Klamath Falls girl and who taught in the public schools here after graduating from both the public and high schools of this city.

The marriage of Miss Lillian Van Riper to Mr. Harold Turner, also of Phoenix, where both of these young ladies have been teaching, will take place in May.

It is estimated that as a rule married men live seven years longer than bachelors, and wives five years longer than spinsters.

