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## POLICE LAX IN ENFORCING LAW MAYOR CHARGES

Slackness in dealing with traffic law violators, amounting to inefficiency on the part of the police force, was charged by Mayor Struble at last night's meeting of the city council.

The mayor said that he had repeatedly told Chief of Police Wilson and patrolmen since the first of the year that the traffic laws should be enforced but that "they didn't seem to want to do it."

The mayor said he had tired of police dilatoriness and had fired of all the garages in town and asked them to co-operate by warning their drivers and patrons to keep within the speed limit. The limit inside the city is 15 miles an hour and it was alleged by various members of the council that motorists speeded up to 25 miles daily.

Specific instances were mentioned, such as the snapping off a telephone pole on Main street last week by a jay driver, whose speed was so high that his machine escaped practically undamaged. Councilman Colvin said he had stopped one or two speeders in the last few days who were going 40 miles an hour.

The mayor said he had done his best, but that he couldn't attend to his own duties and do police duty too. Police Judge Leavitt thought that to arrest and fine of one speeder daily for the next 30 days would be a salutary effect.

Councilman Brandenburg defended the policemen from charges of remaining at ease in the station when they should be out on the street. He said that it was necessary to have police where they could be found when needed. As the situation now stands there are only two officers.

Chief is on duty in daytime and patrolman Hilton at night, and it is possible for one man to patrol city and attend to the station at same time.

Councilman Colvin said that this needed a traffic officer bodily. No action was taken on the suggestion.

Now that the weather is getting better the mayor said that the Main street parking ordinance should be enforced and the jitney cars and trucks that make a practice of parking for hours on Main street should be restricted to the side streets. He had instructed the police to enforce the ordinance vigorously after May 1. Several councilmen thought that the cars could use the streets for parking now without inconvenience and that there was no need of waiting until May 1, but no action was taken.

## AND ALL ADVANCE PUBLICITY BOOSTED

and trim, straight and slim, members of the O. A. C. Cadets made a nifty appearance during the afternoon parade on Main street yesterday. Both in street and in the big concert that held the city crowd spell bound for more than two hours at the opera house last night the band showed it was all, and more, than its publicity, boasted. From jazz to solo and ensemble, throughout the whole repertoire the band proceeded faultlessly. It was felt that the big audience at the opera house last night will not forget, and the Klamath Post of American Legion has achieved a fame that will last for a long time to come, through their efforts in bringing in this superior organization.

Following the concert last night the military strains furnished diversion for Terpsichorean debutants a late hour. Tonight the band will repeat with a concert and at the opera house, and those who wish to hear the boys last night will have an opportunity.

A suggestion of their versatility will enjoy tonight as your ears did last night. Don Smith, and Duke Vaughn, pianist, in instrumental skit series. Ask anybody.

Hobbs, well known Merrill Falls, was a business visitor in Klamath Falls today.

## WILSON WILL CHARGE WAGE RISE TO CONSUMER

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Government control over the maximum price of bituminous coal was withdrawn today by President Wilson, to be effective April 1st. At the same time the President wrote the operators and miners, who transmitted the majority report of the coal commission, informing them that this report will be "the basis upon which wage schedule agreements between the mine-workers and operators shall be made."

By removing the government control of prices the President paves the way for increased coal prices to absorb the average 27 per cent increase recommended in the majority report.

## AGREEMENT ON LAKE RIGHTS

Permission was granted the Ewauna Box company to complete the log boom they are building into Lake Ewauna and steps taken to regulate future construction of the kind and establish a standard by the city council at last night's meeting.

Representatives of the company explained that they had not been aware that objection would arise to the installation of piling, which aroused considerable comment last week, and had never thought that a permit would be demanded.

There was a large attendance of mill men and their attorneys and the matter of establishing dockage or boom limits was thoroughly threshed out by operators and councilmen.

A conference of mill men with the city attorney will be held tomorrow evening at which an ordinance will be drafted to meet new developments in the industrial development of the lake front. As outlined dockage limits will be established 850 to 900 feet from the shore line, which takes in the Ewauna boom limits, extending from a point at the west end of the Ackley Bros' site down the lake. The booms are to be so enclosed that wherever a street, or intervening lot between industrial sites, abuts on the water a free water way will be left extending into the lake, giving unobstructed navigation from the shore past the dock limits to open water.

A clause was discussed, making the franchise for docks revocable at any time when it becomes clear that the grantee has abandoned industrial operations. Its inclusion will be decided by the conference.

The navigable water, it was said, is beyond the limit to be established. For 900 feet, more or less, from shore the sounding is ten feet or less, deepening beyond this point in the Link River channel which follows the west shore. At the point where the Ewauna piling ceases the lake is 2700 feet wide, it is asserted, so that approximately 1899 feet is left clear to navigation.

## COUNTY LAGS IN ARMENIAN RELIEF

The total receipts for Armenian relief to date have been \$892.67. This falls far short of the county's quota—\$3000. The committee is much encouraged, however, realizing that every dollar collected so far is from one to whom the cause of suffering humanity really appeals.

There are many more persons who would willingly and gladly subscribe, the committee believes—and yet let the days go by without doing it.

Subscriptions can be given or mailed to the Rev. E. P. Lawrence or Arthur R. Wilson.

The schools have begun to send in returns and are doing well. Between 60 and 70 have joined the Klamath County Armenian club, membership \$10, and one "dry" farmer sent in \$20 to make himself and wife members. The committee appreciates this sacrifice. K. Sugarman turned over a neat check, a percentage of his latest sale.

The age at which marriage may legally be consummated in India is ten years.

## MAYOR DENIES CRAWFISHING CHARGE OF UPP

"You crawfish on everything." "It takes two men to witness any statement you make, lest you back out of it."

These were two of the accusations made by Councilman F. M. Upp against Mayor Struble at last night's meeting, during the first open tilt that has ripped the harmony of council meetings in the past six months.

"I don't crawfish on nothing, Councilman Upp," retorted the mayor firmly but without heat, and the dispute gradually flickered out.

It arose like a cloud out of a clear sky when Upp asked what had been done about the petition of John McCall for grading an approach to his alley from Third street between Lincoln and Jefferson, filed a month ago.

It appears that no construction work had been done or ordered and Upp stated that McCall was ready to do the work himself, if the city had no men, providing the city would pay him wages.

"We might as well pay wages to our own men and do it ourselves," said the mayor.

"Why don't you do it then?" said Upp, and the "crawfishing" charges followed.

Upp claimed that he had been trying for a year to get the work done. He said the McCall's were practically barred from their own home while the work was undone. As it is they must drive their car to their garage and have deliveries made across a neighbor's lot, because of high banks left on Third and Fourth streets by city grading.

He claimed to have made a motion to have the work done at the time the last petition was filed a month ago, and that the motion carried. The mayor as stoutly asserted that there had been no order for doing the work, that the matter had been referred to the street committee and never reported upon.

A search of the minutes sustained the mayor's claim, but Upp maintained there had been a motion and that Mr. McCall and others would bear out the assertion. However, as the minutes had been properly approved he said he realized that contention was useless, and moved that the work be ordered done. The motion received no second. Another motion by Colvin was seconded and carried, instructing the city engineer to prepare an estimate of cost.

Colvin declared his surprise at a development of the discussion, which disclosed that there is some \$3000 in the street fund. He said he had understood the fund, like others, was bankrupt, and declared he wanted time to consider the matter. He said improvements had been asked by others and he had acted adversely on the theory that the city had no money for street repair and improvement. Having learned his mistake, he said, he was opposed to an immediate vote on the McCall improvement. He wanted time to consider cost and the need of the improvement, and what would be a fair deal to others who had made similar demands on the council.

## MAY ASSESS PROPERTY TO BUILD SEWER

If Mills addition and Michigan avenue get a sewer this year the property owners will most probably have to bear the cost, was the opinion of Police Judge Leavitt rendered by request to the city council last night.

The Lumbermen's Trust company of Portland refuses to accept the \$50,000 bond issue voted last fall to construct the sewer, on the ground that the city has exceeded the charter limitation of bonded indebtedness.

Assessing the property would at least double the cost on each lot it was estimated, and probably bring it to \$60. The city would still have to bear the cost of septic tank and rights of way.

Councilman Colvin, who lives in Mills addition, said that he spoke for himself and a number of neighbors when he said that they wanted the sewer this year at any reasonable cost, and felt sure that they would accept the assessment proposition.

City Engineer Zumwalt voiced the opposition when he said he had property in Mills Addition and would let it go unsewered forever before he would give his consent to the proposal. For, he said, it was unjust for the city to have borne half the cost of sewerage the wealthier districts of the town, and now that they have come to a unit that is less able to bear the cost, to saddle the entire burden upon the property owners.

The assessments could be made, said Judge Leavitt, on the ten-year installment plan, and in his opinion the transferring of the obligation from the city in general to the property owners of the improvement district would remove the objection of the bonding house and make the bond issue valid.

There was discussion of the feasibility and advisability of including the flat this side of the railroad tract and some of Sixth street. It was held by some speakers that this might increase the size of the assessments, by others that it would reduce them.

Final decision was reached to put the matter in the hands of the city engineer to get cost estimates and data from several angles, find whether the Mills addition and Michigan avenue district, as at present planned, would make construction cheaper than inclusion of the "flat," investigate the possibilities of using one septic tank for the entire area if it was decided to include the "flat" and Sixth street, or whether another septic tank would be needed.

## COST CITY \$823 FOR INFLUENZA HOSPITAL

A statement of cost of maintaining the Isolation hospital during the influenza epidemic was presented to the city council last night by C. C. Low, manager. After deducting the receipts from patients, a deficit of \$2470.37 remained, of which the city is pledged to bear one third. The county and Red Cross chapter divided the remainder. Mr. Low said that more than \$800 was due from patients, half or two-thirds of which he was certain would be paid, so that the city might expect finally to pay \$500 or \$600.

The statement showed total expenses of \$2049.37 paid for supplies and labor in fitting up and maintaining the old city hall and new courthouse hospitals and \$1258 for nurses and other operative salaries, a grand total of \$3307.37.

Approximately \$1700 was charged patients for treatment, \$837.25 of which has been paid.

The council allowed the claim and instructed the police judge to draw a warrant for \$823, the city's share, with the understanding that the city should receive one-third of outstanding patients' debts when they are collected.

## TWO ENLIST IN ARMY; PROSECUTION DROPPED

Henry Ackel, serving sentence in default of fine for an alleged assault on Fire Chief Ambrose, acting as a peace officer, was released yesterday by Police Judge Leavitt, on condition that he carry out his expressed desire to enlist in the United States army. He is reported to have enlisted and left town.

Clyde Oliver, another youth involved in the same fracas, against whom a complaint had been filed in the justice court for threatening to commit a felony, likewise enlisted and departed.

## FOUR DECLARE INTENTION TO BECOME U. S. CITIZENS.

Medo Leonetti, a young Italian, who has been living in this city, filed a declaration of intention of becoming an American citizen with the circuit court yesterday and to further show his patriotism immediately enlisted in the United States army.

Eugene O'Sullivan, Dennis Keane and Ned O'Connor, natives of Ireland, and all residents of the Merrill district and engaged in sheep raising there, filed declarations of intention to become citizens.

## RUHR VALLEY STILL IN CONTROL OF REDS

LONDON, Mar. 23.—The situation in the Ruhr valley stronghold of the German "reds" is expected here to remain virtually unchanged until the peace conferees here decide whether German government troops shall be allowed in that district.

Today's official messages said that the reds in the Ruhr district possess no effective artillery or tanks, but are plentifully equipped with rifles.

COPENHAGEN, Mar. 23.—The whole western industrial district of Germany, is held solidly by the radicals and disaster is inevitable if government troops are not rushed there, according to information received in Berlin this morning.

AIX LA CHAPELLE, March 23.—Another battle is reported in progress between the Spartans and troops of the regular army at Wesel, 22 miles northwest of Essen. The regulars, the report said, had been outflanked by the Spartans.

## COUNCIL CALLS ALL BOUTS OFF

Boxing exhibitions in this city took the council last night after a few swift jabs and uppercuts had been landed by various members of the city council. No opposition was put up and the revocation of appointment of the city boxing commission was made without dissenting voice or vote.

Councilman Colvin moved for the annulment of the commission and was seconded by Lavenik, after brief discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

Criticism of the council was not directed at the members of the commission, the match-makers or principals in the contests. All agreed that the sport itself had been clean and square. It was alleged, however, that the growth of boxing was drawing many undesirable characters to the city, and that the "roars" made by disgruntled gamblers after each contest were becoming a nuisance.

"It's like a circus," explained Colvin in making his motion. "It's not the show itself but the followers that make it a bad thing for the community. I've seen some of the fights at the opera house and enjoyed them, too. But we had an exhibition of some of its evils the other night (referring to the alleged assault upon Fire Chief Ambrose by several men he sought to arrest for disorderly conduct) and it is time to call a halt."

The boxing commission was appointed last December on petition of the required 100, or more, citizens and has proved faithful and very successful in performing a difficult task.

## CLEAN-UP SQUAD SQUARES FOR ACTION

At a noon meeting of the Community Betterment Committee yesterday at the Rex cafe, the particular phases of community life to be investigated were decided upon. These are health and sanitation, recreation, juvenile delinquency, dependency, housing, city organization and activities, and industrial conditions. Special committees to take charge of each aspect of the work will be announced tomorrow.

It was decided that an active advertising campaign will be conducted prior to and during the survey in order to secure the cooperation of every person in Klamath Falls. It is the intention of the general committee to acquaint everyone in the city with the purpose and benefits to be secured from such a community study and a call for hundreds of volunteer workers will be made. In fact it is expected that everyone in the city will take a part in the survey.

R. E. Smalley, of Chillicothe, was a Klamath Falls visitor today.

## IMPROVEMENTS ARE DISCUSSED BY COUNCIL

"We're from Missouri," declared the city council with united voices last night, after hearing a communication from George J. Walton, president of the California-Oregon Power company, to the effect that the complaint of the city fire chief that the nuts on various fire hydrants were not uniform and firemen had to carry an assortment of wrenches to turn them. The hydrant nuts are standard said the power superintendent's letter, and he believed any good standard wrench would turn them.

"Mr. Walton has a car," said one of the council. "I propose we invite him to take the chief some day and make an investigation of all the hydrants. Let's instruct the clerk to so write him." And it was so ordered.

Committees Report

The light and water committee reported favorably on the installation of a fire hydrant on Main street east, near Dr. A. A. Soule's residence.

The street committee reported a visit to Michigan avenue, where residents petitioned for temporary sidewalks last week. They found existing sidewalks narrow and inadequate and recommended wider walks, of temporary wooden construction, be placed on both sides of the street.

Right of Way Deed

A deed was presented to the city by Burge W. Mason and M. S. West of right of way for sewer, drain or water pipe, across the lake front property of Messrs. Mason and West. This is the property on which certain portions of streets were vacated by the city, in consideration of assurance that it is to be used for a manufacturing site.

The ordinance vacating the streets came up for final passage last night and was adopted.

Paving Discussion

There was considerable discussion of paving the alley between Main street and Klamath avenue, from Fourth street to Seventh street. It was the unanimous sentiment that the alley needed paving but no action was taken.

The installation of a sidewalk on Main street from the Baldwin hotel to Center street, came up again. Councilman Brandenburg said that in view of traffic conditions, an accident was likely to occur there at any time and a pedestrian injured. As the foot traffic is forced into the street by lack of sidewalks, he feared that the city would be liable in a damage action and might be forced to pay more than it would for sidewalk, providing the owners of property refused to build the sidewalk. Because of lack of funds the council hesitates about tackling the job, which requires considerable rock excavation, and no definite action was taken.

Permits Issued

The following permits were issued: R. Madsen, garage 12 by 14 feet, Lot 14, Block 16, Second Railroad addition; Rex La Prairie, to install gasoline pump on Klamath avenue; Geo. Biehn, private garage, Lots 1 and 2, Block 43, Nicholas addition, 18 by 20 feet, \$200; W. C. Davenport, remodeling entrance to building at 121 Sixth by installing large single door in place of two doors; W. A. Shelby, to conduct rooming house over the Deerhead grill.

LEGION WILL MEET AT 7 O'CLOCK TONIGHT

Klamath Post, No. 8, American Legion, will meet tonight at 7 o'clock, instead of the usual hour of 8, so that important business on hand can be transacted and still leave members time to attend the O. A. C. band concert and dance at Houston's opera house, announced I. H. Carnahan, commander, today. There are matters coming up which will not stand postponement, he said, but the meeting will endeavor to put them through speedily, and he asks members to attend if at all possible.

Captain H. L. Beard, conductor of the visiting O. A. C. band, brother of J. O. Beard of the bank and is visiting at his home during his stay here.