

## BETTER SERVICE BY WATER CO. FORTHCOMING

By holding a late evening session last night the public service commission hearing into the water service of the California-Oregon Power company was completed. The commissioners took the matter under advisement and promised decision at the earliest date possible. Taking of testimony started yesterday morning and continued to 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The hearing was then adjourned until 7 o'clock and finished within a couple of hours.

Testimony was given by many citizens supporting complaint of inadequacy and inefficiency of the service in Mills and Hot Springs additions and on the hill north of the city. The power company is already putting in a new pump to increase the general supply 150 per cent. An auxiliary pump site for increasing service in Hot Springs addition has also been secured and considerable extension and repairs of mains is contemplated this year. The service in Mills and Hot Springs additions is expected to be greatly bettered when the voluntary improvements are completed. On the showing made before the commission it is expected that findings will be forthcoming directing the company to better the service, even were they not voluntarily inclined to do so.

Among witnesses examined at the hearing was G. A. Krause, representing Shipppington, in support of a petition for extension of the city service to that district. Mr. Krause said that they needed the extension, but was not insistent, stating that he would be willing to wait until the power company could make the improvement and that he did not wish to antagonize the power company.

George J. Walton, manager of the California-Oregon Power company submitted the following statement of developments at the hearing and facts in connection with the water service:

All complaints were found to be contingent upon the condition of the pipes in Mills addition, which cause an excessive waste of water and thereby rendering it impossible for the water company to keep water in the reservoirs during the irrigation season when the normal consumption of water is relatively high. To meet with this condition and to give immediate relief the company is installing a large additional pump at a cost of \$12,000. This will give a pumping capacity sufficient for a city of 25,000 inhabitants. It was shown that the net earnings of the California-Oregon Power company from the water system in Klamath Falls in 1919 was \$3,617.09. The physical value of the water property was shown to be \$190,617.51. The rate of return on the investment is therefore 1.9 per cent. The company

## MICKIE SAYS

"TW FAIR HAIR'D BOY AROUND THIS OFFICE IS THE JOLLY ADVERTISER WHO BRINGS IN HIS COPY 'N SAYS, 'LET 'ER RUN WHAT SHE WILL.' INSTEAD OF WORRYING 'N POOR COMPOSITOR ORDERING A QUARTER-PAGE AD SET INTO A FIVE INCH DOUBLE-COLUMN SPACE!"



## JOHNSON LEADS IN NEBRASKA PRIMARY

OMAHA, Apr. 21.—Senator Hiram Johnson continued to maintain the lead as the ballots in Tuesday's primary slowly became tallied today. With 432 precincts out of 1,849 heard from, Johnson had 15,618, Wood 12,762, Pershing 7,309. The contest for a delegate at large, on the Democratic ticket furnished most of the interest in Nebraska this morning. While one of Bryan's delegates was running third in the field of eight, Bryan dropped back to seventh position with 408 precincts counted.

## UPPER COURT DROPS BOARD BILL CASE

After dragging through the local courts since last October, the case against L. N. Feese, found guilty in the justice court of beating a board bill and fined \$5 and costs, the total about \$45, has been dismissed in the circuit court, following appeal, on motion of District Attorney Duncan.

The defendant was arrested on complaint of his cousin, Mrs. Maud Tucker, 339 Michigan avenue, who alleged he owed her \$21 for board. His statement is that he came here from California as a visitor and remained at the Tucker home three weeks. Nevertheless he said he gave Mrs. Tucker \$15 and offered her \$10 more which she refused. He left her home with her consent and approval, he said, and was thoroughly surprised at her action in causing his arrest.

Rather than accept the small penalty imposed by the lower court, tantamount to admitting guilt, Mr. Feese went to considerable expense and trouble to clear his reputation and is greatly gratified with his vindication.

## BUYS SITE; TO ERECT BUILDING

Announcement was made today of the purchase by Fred C. Houston of 23 1/2 feet on Main street, next to the Western Union office, from Harry W. Poole. As soon as plans are completed a store building will be erected on the site, which adjoins the lot on which A. M. Collier and John M. Moore plan to erect the building to be occupied by the K. K. K. store.

The rear part of the Houston building will be used as additional quarters of the K. K. K. store in conjunction with the Collier and Moore building. The front part of the Houston building will be occupied by Louis Blehn as a barber shop.

The sale of the lot has no connection with Harry Poole's plans for the new Liberty theater as the site for that building is farther east on Main, between Seventh and Eighth streets.

## GIRLS BEAT WAY IN QUEST OF ADVENTURE

WEED, Cal., Apr. 21.—Ruth and Goldie Jacoby, sisters, aged 13 and 15, respectively, were taken into custody here by the local officers, on telegraphic advice from Talent, Oregon, where it was charged they had run away from their home in company with Henry Marsh, a tramp.

The girls told the officers they stole a ride on a freight train from Ashland and were going to Klamath Falls to try and get work in a box factory.

claims it is unable to secure new money to finance extensions of improvements on this basis.

Due to the growth of the city the revenue increased \$3,504.71 in 1919 over that of 1918, but at the same time the expenses increased \$4,873.33 because of the increased cost of labor and material, and the net earnings were therefore \$1,368.62 less in 1919 than in 1918.

There was no evidence to indicate any complaint on the electric service, but on the other hand, nearly all witnesses testified that the electric service was good.

## SALVATION ARMY TO RAISE \$3,400

A county-wide campaign, part of the state campaign to raise funds for the Salvation Army work for the coming year, will cover Klamath county in the 10 days following May 1, but Fred A. Baker, chairman of the county campaign committee, stated today that advance contributions will be received at any time.

The committees to conduct the campaign, working under the county advisory board of the Salvation Army, are: Campaign—Fred A. Baker, chairman; Edmund Chilcote, secretary; O. D. Burke, treasurer; Organization—George J. Walton, chairman; A. M. Collier; and A. R. Wilson; Publicity—Miss Carrie Olsson, Miss Twyla Head and Capt. J. W. Siemens. R. C. Groesbeck is assigned to the task of securing suitable speakers to assist him in informing the public of the needs and purposes of the campaign in a series of short talks in various public places.

Klamath county is asked to raise \$3,400, and considering the liberality with which former demands for assistance to all parts of the earth have been met, the committee expects no difficulty in raising money which will be used in extending a helping hand to unfortunate Oregonians.

The White Shield home at Portland is only one of the army's justifications for existence—an institution that is all that its name implies, a shield of peace and purity erected between the unfortunate girl who has made one misstep and the callous, hasty judgment of the world. Here she finds a chance to build her life anew, both for herself and the infant. No reference to the past is raised to trouble her. She is shielded, safe, and hundreds of girls in the last 25 years have been saved from ruin in the White Shield home.

There is an industrial home for boys in Portland, a new farm and industrial colony for juvenile delinquents about to be opened in Yamhill county, and a workman's hotel and free employment bureau in Portland, to mention a few of the myriad activities.

There are the bureaus for emergency relief, for finding missing friends and relatives, for the work among prisoners, for extending the brotherly hand to unfortunates of all sorts.

There are corps established at Eugene, The Dalles, Astoria and La Grande and when the field representative was here recently he spoke of the possibility of establishing a corps headquarters here.

The people of Klamath county are fully familiar with the work of the army. Many of the boys who were overseas have cause to remember it with gratitude. Many of the home folk may not have experienced its ministering kindness personally but they have observed instances of its efficiency and the county will not lag in contributing to the cause.

## TIMBER CRUISER LEAVES

B. O. McGee, who has been in Klamath county for a considerable period of time, cruising timber for various large concerns, left this morning for British Columbia, where he is to supervise and prove up the cruising of between two and three billion feet of cedar and spruce timber to be purchased by a large American concern. The growing scarcity of available timber in this country is causing the investors to look farther for stumps, and the above tract means the investment of between eight and nine million dollars; so the importance of this work which Mr. McGee has undertaken can be readily comprehended.

Mr. McGee plans on returning to Klamath just as soon as the above contract is cared for.

## HAVE BABY SON

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Meldrum, well known former residents, are the proud parents of a baby boy, according to a telegram received this morning. They now reside at Milwaukee, Oregon.

The funeral of the late J. S. Fruits was held this afternoon at 2:00 o'clock from Whitlock's chapel, the Rev. J. S. Chaner officiating.

## PHILADELPHIA BUILDS HOMES

PHILADELPHIA, Apr. 21.—A campaign for the building of homes is Philadelphia's answer to the question of how to keep rents down to a reasonable basis. The tenant population is in desperate straits for rents have been going higher and higher and no end seems to be in sight. The scramble for homes in the suburbs is so acute that when one woman moved some of the furniture out of her home, the other day, in order to clean the house, 25 persons tried to rent it from her within a few hours.

To stop the profiteering in rents and homes, several organizations are attempting to unite on a program of house building to continue for at least six months or until the shortage has been relieved. These organizations of tenants, trade unions, representatives of the building trades and mortgaging companies. They have been asked to undertake this work by the department of public welfare.

Meanwhile camping ground accessible by street cars is in great demand. Tent manufacturers say more orders have been placed for tents this month than ever before in Philadelphia's history.

There is an unprecedented amount of building of cheap cottages and bungalows within a radius of 30 miles of Philadelphia to accommodate the rush of tenants that is expected when mild weather comes. Those erected in one community cost about \$600 each and are eagerly rented at \$350 for the season.

Old canal boats lying along the Schuylkill river are being fitted out as dwellings and families are glad to rent them as temporary homes.

## PIONEER PASTOR TELLS OF FIRST RELIGIOUS WORK

Pioneer religious activities in southeastern Oregon are described in a letter from the Rev. Robert D. McLean of Grants Pass, first pastor of the Presbyterian church in this city, the first outpost of Christianity in this section of the state, to the Rev. E. P. Lawrence, the present pastor.

The letter was read Sunday evening during the dedication services of the new church. The Rev. Mr. McLean had been asked to deliver an address in person but found it impossible to be present. His letter was as follows:

Your kind invitation to be present at the dedication of your splendid new church building was duly received, and I can assure you nothing would afford me greater pleasure than to accept were it possible to do so. My son, Roy, is coming here to see me on important business the latter part of next week, and I would miss him were I to leave at that time. But it is only a deferred visit for I hope to come a little later in the season.

Still no later visit will quite compensate me for the loss of this opportunity to meet old friends on an occasion when we can recall interesting incidents of the early history and struggles of the church that is now coming out into a fuller life.

When I was commissioned by the Board of Home Missions to open work in Klamath county there was not, so far as I know, a single church of any denomination in all southeastern Oregon. I am not sure that the majority of the people really wanted a church, for when one asked, "Who sent this man here?" and the answer was "The Board of Home Missions," the questioner indignantly asked, "Do they think we are heathen?" Yet I found splendid backing and a splendid people. Klamath Falls church was the one church in southern Oregon Presbytery that was built without aid from the Board of Church Extension.

At first the services were held in the little one-room schoolhouse. Later Judge Smith gave us rent free the use of his hall. It was while I was preaching in that hall that Bayard Henry, of Philadelphia, stopping over Sunday, came to the service, and introducing himself at the close asked me to walk out with him. We climbed the hill overlooking the lake and the valley, and Mr. Henry, taking in that wonderful view said "This

## PALMER HAS LEAD IN GEORGIA VOTE

ATLANTA, Apr. 21.—Latest unofficial returns from yesterday's state Democratic presidential primary gave Attorney General Palmer 48 counties with 140 votes in the state convention, Thomas E. Watson 50 counties with 120 votes, Senator Hoke Smith 42 counties with 100 votes. Fifteen counties with 24 votes are unreported.

## FEW SPECTATORS AT COURTHOUSE TRIAL

Taking of testimony in the courthouse suit is making headway before Judge J. W. Hamilton in the courthouse litigation. Much of the evidence is documentary but witnesses are put on to identify the records introduced and testify to their authenticity in establishing the proceedings for providing funds for courthouse building. J. M. Dougan, contractor, C. R. De Lap, county clerk, and others have been on the stand.

The proceedings are not of the kind that attracts the crowd, and outside of attorneys, not directly interested but willing to spare a few hours because of the legal interest involved, there is a small audience, outside of witnesses who sooner or later will be called to testify, and the parties involved in the litigation.

## TORNADO VICTIMS STAND AT 155

BIRMINGHAM, Apr. 21.—Assistance is urgently needed for the relief of tornado survivors in a dozen counties of Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee, reports today from the storm-swept district said. With a death list of 155 already reported, and the property loss many millions, the tornado has taken rank as one of the most disastrous and widespread in the annals of the south.

town is destined to become a place of importance, and I wish you would go right to work and build a church here. I will give \$500 toward it." It was some time before the people could be moved to take it up, and it was not one of the church people who made the first decided move. Mr. Evan Reames rode up to the farm where I was living and said he had come to talk church with me. He said, "It looks bad for a town not to have a church, and we cannot hope to draw the best class of people here when they see we have no church of any kind. I want you to take this matter up and I will help all I can." He then started the subscription with \$100. From that time the building project moved rapidly.

The church soon became the recognized center of social and reform activities. Two baseball teams were accustomed to play ball at the hour we had our Sunday school, and I tried to get them to choose another hour. Mr. Kerchum, one of the captains, said "If you will not interfere with our ball we will all agree to come to church Sunday night." They faithfully carried out their part of the compact, and I believe that had much to do with the carrying Klamath Falls and Klamath county for prohibition when the amendment was first submitted in 1887. Nearly all the young men of the town voted for it.

Coming out of the intensive, constructive work, in which I have been engaged for the past seven years I have the painful conviction that the most of our churches are simply existing, not functioning. Yet the future of our land, yes the future of the world is in the hands of the church. If that falls humanity a worse thing than the recent world war will yet come upon the world.

The definite purpose of the church is to evangelize the world. Entering this new era, with new hopes and new life the church at Klamath Falls may have an influence that will reach to the ends of the earth. My prayer is that as you meet to solemnly dedicate that house to the worship and service of God, He may come and fill His temple with His glory and the hearts of His people with new love and zeal and with power with God and men.

It is my intention to visit Klamath Falls some time during my stay in Oregon, and then I hope to meet you face to face.

With best wishes for you and prayers for the success of the church, I am  
Fraternally yours,  
ROBERT D. McLEAN.

Reindeer are more numerous in Norway than horses.

## DIRECTORS ARE SELECTED BY COUNTY C. OF C.

"Business first," is the slogan of the reorganized Klamath county chamber of commerce, enunciated last night by E. B. Hall, president. Members who hesitate to attend the meetings for fear that they will be involved in long and purposeless discussions, while the business of the evening lies neglected on the table, need have no fear, said the presiding officer as long as he holds the chair. Discussion has its place, he said, and should be encouraged—after business hours. But the purpose of the president is to get the meetings promptly under way at 8 o'clock (which means neither 7:59 or 8:01) and proceed to business. After the table is cleared of urgent matters, it will be time enough for discussion and those who are averse to long sessions will feel themselves at liberty to leave, or if that is their pleasure, may remain.

Having outlined the policy, the chair proceeded to put it into execution and inside of 45 minutes the work of the evening was completed and the meeting adjourned after disposing of a considerable program.

## Directors Are Chosen

Election of 11 directors was the chief feature. Six Klamath Falls residents are on the directorate and five from other sections. Following are the men selected: George J. Walton, W. A. Delsell, W. H. Mason, E. S. Veatch, A. J. Vore and Mayor I. R. Struble of Klamath Falls; B. E. Wolford of Yainax, A. Kallas of Malin, H. J. Lester of Mt. Laki, L. Sisemore of Fort Klamath and J. W. Tower of Keno.

The directors will be notified of their election at once and a meeting will be held as soon as possible for the selection of a secretary and appointment of 11 committees of three members each, one for each of the 11 bureaus into which the chamber is divided, each representing a separate activity. Men from all parts of the county, specially qualified for the work, will be chosen, for instance three experienced irrigators will be chosen for the committee on irrigation, three of the foremost shippers for the committee on traffic and transportation, etc.

## County Organization

An active campaign for membership in all parts of the county will be launched as soon as possible.

"We must profit by Portland's mistake," said the president, expressing the evident sentiment of the meeting brought out in preceding discussion. "Portland thought that a great city could be built without any attempt to build up the territory that supports it. She failed woefully and we should avoid the same pitfall."

"Klamath Falls cannot progress faster than Klamath county. It should be the policy of this chamber, and I emphasize it as my personal policy, to foster the industries of the county wherever located. A mill or factory at Sprague river or Bonanza or Malin is of direct benefit to Klamath Falls and should receive equal encouragement. And the agricultural interests of the county are also a mighty asset and we should bend every effort to aid their development."

## Seeking Quarters

The president and Capt. O. C. Applegate, temporary secretary, were appointed a committee to secure quarters for the organization. An offer of the building owned by Mrs. Willis on Fifth street, across the alley from the express office is looked upon favorably for a present location.

## HENLEY SEWING CLUB HOLDS PLEASANT MEETING

A meeting of the Henley Sewing club was held at R. C. Short's Saturday afternoon. The following members were present: Blanche Short, Cordia Evans, Maxine Bradbury, Opal Arant, Della Short, Neva Dimmitt, Miss Fisher, local club leader, and Frank W. Sexton, county club leader. Light refreshments were served by Mrs. Short.