

# BANK CHANGES OWNERSHIP

## FIRST NATIONAL CONTROL PASSES TO NEW HANDS

Controlling interest in the First National bank of this city has been acquired by J. O. Goldthwaite, local timber operator, and Charles Hall, of Marshfield, president of the state chamber of commerce.

For several weeks it has been current report in financial circles that the big financial transaction was on the tapis but it was not until today that Mr. Goldthwaite officially confirmed the story.

Of the 2,000 shares of stock the new owners have acquired about 1,400, in round numbers, giving them a big margin of control. The sellers were E. R. Reames, president of the bank, and the Moore and Collier interests, represented by Rufus, John and Charles Moore, Mrs. Mary Moore, A. M. Collier and John Collier.

Leslie Rogers, cashier, retains his stock, as does Mrs. L. F. Willis. Other stock in small blocks is scattered among local share holders. The market value of the stock is \$163.50 a share and multiplication of this figure by the 1,400 shares acquired is approximately the consideration of the transaction.

It is 11 years ago today since the bank passed from the control of G. W. White into the hands of Mr. Reames and his associates.

There will be no change in the personnel of the bank at present. Officials and employees of the old regime will remain at their posts and the status quo will remain undisturbed at least until the annual directors' and stockholders meeting next January.

Under the new management there is report of many extensions and improvements contemplated, but the most interesting and tangible result that may happen if present plans carry is a change in quarters that will bring about construction of a five-story building farther downtown.

The lower floor would house the banking institution and the other stories would be devoted to offices. While the building is still in the nebulous stage Mr. Goldthwaite stated that it was one of the plans of the new bank and might materialize at any time.

## TRAFFIC OFFICER'S WARNING HEADED

Up until noon today there had been no calls at the office of the police in the parking ordinance. The warning in last night's paper had its effect to some extent judging from the scarcity of cars along the "main drag" today. However R. C. Groesbeck, who missed his paper last night, complained this morning that only the kindly warning of a friend saved him from arrest. He said that of course he knew of the ordinance but that everyone had been parking in forbidden territory for so long that he had forgotten about it.

Whether any arrests have been made later than noon is not known, but it is probable that some one will have forgotten about restrictions by tomorrow.

## LEGION WILL DISCUSS CONTROVERSY TONIGHT

New developments in the fight of the American Legion against the California-Oregon Power company regarding storage of the Upper Klamath lake will be discussed tonight at the meeting of the post. The situation will be thoroughly gone into and all members are urged to be present. The meeting will be held at the usual time and place—8 o'clock at the city hall.

## G. O. P. LANDSLIDE MAINE ELECTION

PORTLAND, Maine, Sept. 14.—With a total vote larger by 55,000 than the highest vote ever previously cast in the state, Frederick H. Pankhurst, Republican, was elected governor by a 65,000 vote margin over Bertrand G. McIntire, Democratic. His plurality was 17,000, larger than obtained by any other gubernatorial candidate in the state's history.

WEISER, Ida., Sept. 14.—Governor Cox said the Maine result was no surprise and was accounted for by an augmented vote and the activity of Republican Chairman Hays in Maine for a pyrotechnical display.

## COUNCIL ADDS TWO FIREMEN TO DEPARTMENT

Two more paid firemen for the department and a resolution condemning the Lakeside Inn as a fire menace that must be remedied or closed within 30 days were features of the city council's campaign to better conditions that stood out at last night's meeting.

Besides being a "fire trap" the Lakeside Inn is unsanitary and a menace to health in its present condition, declares the resolution adopted. The owners are given until October 15 to correct conditions. If it does not then pass inspection by the fire chief and health officer it will be closed.

Fire Chief Ambrose made a statement to the council wherein he said that it was imperative that two more paid members be provided. The chief said he must spend all his time on inspections hereafter. With one assistant, as at present, that would be impossible. Unless the two men were provided he said he would not attempt to carry the responsibility, but would resign.

Immediately arose the old cry of the city's insolvency and the action of the voters in the last special election refusing to sanction a tax increase to provide more funds for administrative purposes.

Chief Ambrose said that if inspections were not kept up and fire prevention methods applied the state underwriters' bureau would undoubtedly increase the tax rate. (Deputy Fire Marshal Pomeroy recently estimated offhand to a Herald representative that the raise would be six to eight times the present rate, practically prohibitive.)

The council sat up and took notice. Councilman Colvin said it might be a good thing to have the increased rate—it would make the taxpayers sorry that they had turned down the tax raise.

On a question of ways and means it appeared possible that the two men might be paid out of the incidental fund—at least until after the November election when the question of enlarged funds will again be submitted—and the mayor was instructed to secure the firemen.

## MILL MAN'S HAND IS MANGLED BY SAW

Harold Christy, brother of George Christy of the Christy mill at Long lake, met with an accident late yesterday when he got his left hand into a saw at the mill and it was badly mangled before the saw could be stopped.

The patient was brought to the Warren Hunt hospital where medical attention was given the injured member and it is expected that he will recover full use of the hand.

## COUNCIL AND LOGGERS REACH AGREEMENT

Mill operators and log hauling contractors appeared last night before the city council and reached an agreement regarding hauling heavy loads of logs over the city streets. It had been charged that Spring street was being pounded to pieces by the heavy trucks.

John Collman, hauling contractor, and others said that it was not the traffic but improper drainage that is destroying Spring street at its junction with Sixth. Water from the ice company's plant runs from a pipe there in an inch and a half stream, it was said, and forms a pool.

The council thought some steps should be taken to get the water off and discussed several engineering plans, but got nowhere.

They accepted the loggers' offer to put crushed rock over the soft stretch and it was understood that if that was done hauling logs would not be interfered with. The truckmen pointed out that it was impossible to get logs to the mills here unless some parts of the city streets were used. Several spoke of their observations over a period of a year or two, which proved that trucks had no greater destructive effect on well laid pavement than other traffic. It was the water undermining the foundation that was damaging Spring and Sixth, not traffic, they said.

The city attorney was instructed to amend the city ordinance, limiting loads to five tons, including the vehicle, to conform with the state law, which allows 600 pounds load to each square inch of tire surface. Under the city ordinance most trucks barely come within the limit when unloaded. Mr. Coleman said the average weight of unloaded log trucks was four and a half tons. The loads run from six to seven tons.

Contracts Submitted  
Contracts with the Warren Construction company for the pavement of Conger avenue, Washington street and other units were submitted and approved by the council. The mayor was instructed to sign them. Discussion of the advisability of paving Conger this year ended indefinitely. It was said that the paving concern did not want to tackle the job until spring. The council thought if work started in October it could at least be partly finished and the city get some use of the paving this winter.

Working on Spring  
The mayor reported that he had a force of men working to drain standing water from Spring street at Sixth, where the pavement is being injured. He doubted if they would accomplish much as there is little chance for gravity flow.

He said water from the ice plant was causing most of the trouble here, absolving the California-Oregon Power company from blame placed on them last week. At Second and Klamath it was reported that a city sewer main is undermining the pavement and not a water main.

Notice to S. P.  
Regardless of the condition of the city approach the Southern Pacific company should keep up its crossings on Sixth street, declared the council, and the police judge was instructed to notify the local agent that the road was expected to make repairs. There are three crossings which need fixing, it was said.

Drop Main St. Paving  
Main street from Spring to the railway crossing is part of the improvement unit that extends easterly from the tracks to the city limits. The whole unit should be paved together, the council felt, therefore dropped the idea of paving the small area between Spring and the tracks this year and rejected the Warren company's bid. To attempt paving

## HARDING MAY NOT REACH COAST—HAYS

NEW YORK, Sept. 14.—There will be no barnstorming in connection with projected speaking trips of Senator Harding, said Will Hays, Republican national chairman, today, commenting on the report from Marion that Harding would travel from coast to coast.

"There will be absolutely no change in our plans as announced a month ago," Hays said.

He expressed doubt that Harding would go farther west than Omaha. Hays said he did not believe Harding would speak in every state where there is a contest for United States senator.

Such a course would entail visiting western states which are looked upon as Republican strongholds this year, he said.

## CHAIRMAN OF FISH COMMISSION HERE

Chris Schmidt, of Astoria, chairman of the state fish commission, and son, Paul; Carl D. Shoemaker, former state game warden and present secretary of the state fish commission, and James McCool, Portland newspaper man, and Paul Schmidt, arrived yesterday from Crater lake and are remaining here for the day.

Messrs. Schmidt and Shoemaker are on a state-wide trip of inspection of hatcheries and fishing resources. They have been down the coast to Marshfield and Crescent City and inspected fish conditions along the Rogue and Umpqua before coming into Klamath. They find fish plentiful, both in Klamath county streams and hatcheries but have no kind words for Klamath county roads.

## MEMBERSHIP FORUM LUNCHEON TOMORROW

The membership forum luncheon of the chamber of commerce will take place as usual at 12:30 tomorrow at the White Pelican hotel. The main subject for discussion will be county club work. Other features are tentatively on the program. All members are urged to be present.

## INQUIRY BOARD INTERVIEWS INJURED

The state inquiry into causes and circumstances of the Houston hotel fire is being continued today.

Deputy Marshals Pomeroy and Allen, District Attorney Duncan and C. C. McCoppen, assistant to the coroner, with William Ganong, stenographer, today visited the injured victims of the fire in the Warren Hunt hospital and took testimony.

part of the unit might invalidate the legal proceedings so far taken, they said.

Must Have Sewers  
Residents in the west end of town, on both sides of Payne alley between Lake and Main, must abate the open sewers it was decreed. The situation is unsanitary and dangerous, said members, and the police chief was instructed to notify offending owners to get their private sewer systems remedied, either by covering them or providing mains.

Ordinances authorizing of improving the alleys between Fifth and Sixth on both sides of Main were adopted.

Permits Granted  
Building permits were granted to the Metropolitan garage for a 30 by 50 foot frame addition to the garage at Klamath avenue and Eleventh street, cost \$800; and to I. W. McLaughlin for an addition to his residence on Bwaupa heights, cost \$325.

## HARDING AGAINST RACIAL INVASION

MAKING Sept. 14.—To a delegation of Californians Senator Harding today declared the nation must "lead behind" the Pacific states to relieve them of the difficulties of Oriental immigration and must see that only such aliens as can be assimilated and imbued with through Americanism are admitted.

The dangers of racial conflict, he said, must be recognized and provision made to reduce them to a minimum. He suggested such steps should be without offensive reflection on any race and without raising any question of racial inferiority.

## CAMERA MEN ARE WORKING

Various industrial plants in the city were filmed today by the camera men under direction of H. C. Blanchard, director of publicity of the United States reclamation service, who is gathering educational film in a tour of the various reclamation projects.

This afternoon the mint industry on the Caledonia marsh will be photographed. Tomorrow agricultural scenes around Main and Merrill will be taken. When completed the pictures will be released among many schools and farmers' institutes and colleges throughout the country. Klamath county's scenic attractions—Crater lake and other natural wonders—will form an interesting part of the local picture and the timber industry will be featured.

## MACK DEALERS TO HAVE FREE TRIP

J. H. Garrett, of Garrett & Son, Mack truck dealers, plans on joining the excursion of Mack dealers, which leaves Los Angeles in a special train, October 6, to visit the eastern factories of the Mack International Motor Truck corporations.

The fare and expenses of the dealers will be paid by the company. The itinerary includes a visit to the factories and distributing plants at New York city, Plainfield and New Brunswick, New Jersey, Allentown, Pa., and other places.

## GOT TWO BUCKS

Frank Rist returned yesterday afternoon from the Diamond lake country, where he had been for the past two weeks hunting deer. He was accompanied by his brothers-in-law, Nick and John Pauley, who, with their mother, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rist. The hunters brought home two bucks and state that the game is very plentiful.

## THREE MOURNERS BURNED TO DEATH BY EXPLODING LAMP

TACOMA, Wash., Sept. 14.—Three residents of the Gate City were killed in an explosion of a table lamp last night, when friends gathered at the home of William Cooper following his death in a logging accident.

## MR. AND MRS. W. C. VAN EMON PARENTS OF GIRL

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Van Emon, Sunday, September 13, at the Klamath General hospital. Dr. E. D. Johnson was in attendance and reports that both mother and baby are doing nicely. The infant has been named Ruth Elizabeth.

## WEATHER REPORT

OREGON—Tonight and Wednesday, occasionally rain, cooler.

## ONLY 25 DAYS TO MAKE READY FOR ELECTION

There will be a city election November 2, the city council decided last night. Adjournment was taken until Thursday night when a special meeting will be held to consider the entire question of election.

City Attorney Carnahan said he believed it would be possible to redistrict the city and make the city wards and county precincts conform by redrafting lines so that several precincts would constitute a ward. There are 10 county precincts and five city wards.

He cited a charter provision empowering the council to redistrict the city at any time.

Redistricting would put the city in a position where it could conform with the state law, to a large extent at least, using the state registration lists, election boards, polling booth and general machinery of election.

Only 25 days remain to prepare for the election. When this was called to the council's attention they decided that it would require fast work but that they would make it.

One question on the ballot will be a raise in poll tax, probably to 25 cents. A number of charter provisions will be submitted for amendment. The list will be in part worked out at Thursday's meeting.

Under the state law election of both the legislative and administrative city officers is indicated this year. That is, mayor, police judge, treasurer and councilmen will all make the race. Under the city charter the administrative officers and councilmen were elected alternately, two years apart.

## DUCK SEASON OPENS THURSDAY

The hunting season on ducks, geese, and other migratory fowl opens Thursday, according to a letter received by Henry Stout, game warden, from A. E. Burgdoff.

A special meeting of the state fish commission was held September 6 to consider the matter, and it was agreed that the opening date in District No. 2 should correspond with the federal act.

## NEGRO PUGILIST GETS YEAR IN JAIL

CHICAGO, Sept. 14.—Jack Johnson, negro pugilist, was sentenced to one year and one day in Leavenworth prison and fined \$1,000 in the federal court today for violation of the Mann act.

## TUNA RUN HEAVY AT SAN DIEGO, CAL.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Sept. 14.—Fishermen, packers and other connected with or dependent upon the local tuna and albacore fisheries are jubilant this year, both at the size of the catch so far taken and at the fact that the fish schools are being found comparatively near the harbor and canneries.

The catch of these two fish since May has totalled about \$2,500,000 in value, according to cannery estimates. Because the fish are running near the harbor fishermen are saved much of the time usually spent in going to and from the fishing grounds, and are enabled to earn considerably larger sums in a given time.

## CONNECTICUT RATIFIES

HARTFORD, Conn., Sept. 14.—Connecticut legislature by a concurrent action today ratified the suffrage amendment, being the thirty-seventh state to ratify.