

Moose Hall Dances Wild Orgies Council Is Told, Stop Order Is Issued

Councilmen Brandenburg, Colvin and Lavenik, with Mayor Struble at the helm, manned the municipal ship of state during its voyage over the turbulent waters of civic discontent last night, and brought it safe and sound into the port of moral rectitude and righteous indignation. The meeting was launched with nothing in the offing except the regular monotonous grind of business, payment of bills, building permits, and things like that, but C. E. Solomon, just about the time most of the citizens in the council chamber were getting ready to go home, threw an extra gallon or two of fuel into the municipal engine, and the council began to function again with renewed energy.

Violation of Decency
Mr. Solomon's charge was that dances in the Moose hall were being conducted in flagrant violation of all the laws of decency. Liquor, he said, was being sold and consumed in such quantities that the dances were eventually converted in wild orgies, something akin to bawdy houses in fact, and that he personally knew that the Moose hall, when these dances are taking place, was no place for any decent boy, girl, woman or man. Emphatically, courageously, and consistently, Mr. Solomon reviewed conditions regarding these dances, exhibiting at the same time the demeanor of a man who actually thought he was telling the council about a condition which the council as well as he, should have discovered or been apprised of a long time ago.

Mayor Explains It All
During a long peroration touching upon his devotion to duty, and the efforts he had been making to place morality in the ascendancy in Klamath Falls, Mayor Struble vouchsafed the information that he did not instruct the chief of police to detail an officer to the hall because he was of the unalterable opinion that if the place could not be run along decent lines it should not be permitted to run at all, and the one night officer of whom city boasted could be used to better advantage in other nightly activities, and that he was in perfect accord with Councilman Colvin's demand that the license be revoked.

Mayor No Terpsichorean
Dancing, continued the mayor, was something in which he did not indulge, and of which he did not wholly approve, and that for that reason he never frequented the Moose hall. However, he declared, if liquor was being sold and consumed there he was going to find out about it, meaning of course that he wanted the information for the protection of the public, and not for the satisfying of any personal desire.

Dances Will Be Stopped
Several measures to abate the alleged indecency were suggested, but, guided by the suggestions of the Reverend C. F. Trimble and others, the council finally decided to notify the officers of the Moose lodge that dances would not be permitted to be held there in the future under the present management.

Describes An Orgy
Particular charges were preferred against dances held there last Thursday night, drinking, profanity, and resultant moral lapses being more open and flagrant than ever before. At the same time the conduct of previous dances held there were not discounted. According to testimony of four young men which Mr. Trimble said he had at his disposal, "everybody got drunk," but this charge was modified by Mr. Trimble who said that the idea of the young men meant to convey was that a great many of them, perhaps not all, had become intoxicated.

Say Judge Is Lenient
Incidentally, it was remarked, following another vindication of his public acts by the mayor, that if the police judge would do his duty and the violators of the booze law \$25 instead of \$5, and then tack on a

30 day sentence for good measure, there might be some hope of reducing the bootlegging business in the city. This remark was made by Mr. Solomon, and supported by William True, erstwhile special officer, who intimated that he had previously had experiences here in matters of that kind.

Mayor Says He Was On Job
This apparently opened up an avenue for more self vindication by the mayor, who defended his administrations from the time he became mayor down to the minute. He was right on the heels of the police department men every day, he said, in his efforts to enforce local ordinances and moreover he had devoted more than a rightful share of his time to public work for the beggerly sum of \$100 a month. He wanted the public to carry their troubles to him and to the city council, and particularly in cases where the law was being sidestepped as charged regard to the Moose hall dances. The Reverend Mr. Trimble replied in kind. He patting Mr. Struble upon his honorable back, and exchange of endearments was both touching and effective. He commended the mayor's honesty of purpose, and thanked him for his interest in the campaign against immorality. Again the mayor responded, and pronounced everything except his own post mortem eulogy, which, as one man in the council chamber asserted, would not have been at all appropriate, because his honor was anything but a "dead one."

Apply the Brakes
Simmered down, the council decided unanimously to notify the Moose hall officials that dances would no longer be permitted there under the present management.

Improvement Permits
A number of building permits were granted, the cost of the buildings ranging from a \$200 woodshed to a \$35,000 brick and stone church which will be erected by the members of the Christian church.
B. S. Grisby, Ernest Brown, and Charles Jensen asked to be permitted to lay a sewer a distance of 200 feet north from the corner of 11th and High streets, half of the expense to be borne by the property owners served, and the other half by the city, the city's shares to be paid at some future time. This matter was referred to the city engineer, and if feasible and the sewer is laid in accordance with the provisions of local ordinances the work will be done as soon as possible.

HOLBROOK AND PADDOCK AGAIN DENIED RETRIAL
Petitions for sidewalk improvements were heard, and several labor bills were paid, the remainder of the meeting being devoted to matters of not more than ordinary importance.

SALEM, Nov. 16.—The state supreme court today denied the second petition for a re-hearing for William Holbrook and J. E. Paddock, convicted in Klamath county on a charge of manslaughter for the killing of Owen T. McKendree at Dry Prairie April 20, 1918.
The first petition for re-hearing was denied by the supreme court October 5, of this year.
The defendants are out on bonds, although under sentence to state prison.

Grand Jury Probe for Theater Panic That Killed Six
(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—The grand jury promises a full investigation of Sunday's panic in an east side motion picture theatre in which six children were trampled to death.
The district attorney said today that he learned that certain theatres employ "professional guardians" to circumvent city ordinance which prohibits small children from attending performances alone.
The proprietors and janitor of the theatre were arraigned today. It is alleged that an exit was locked.

Ingersoll Asks for Another Judge to Try Murder Case

An affidavit of prejudice against Judge D. V. Kuykendall has been filed by defendant in the case of the people against Gilbert Ingersoll, charged with the murder of Henry Stoehler at Dairy last July.

Under the statute such action automatically disqualifies the judge against whom it is directed and a new trial judge must now be appointed by the chief justice of the state supreme court.

The trial of the case has been set for December 10. Whether the change of judges will result in a postponement or not remains to be seen.

Should the trial go over the first of the year it is likely to provide the maiden case for C. C. Brower, district attorney-elect, who will replace District Attorney Duncan January 1.

VENIZELOS AND CABINET QUIT

(By Associated Press)
ATHENS, Nov. 16.—Premier Venizelos and his entire cabinet resigned today as a result of the victory of the opposition party in Sunday's election. It is said that Venizelos will leave the country.

The ex-premier advised the liberals to abide by the people's verdict.
George Rhalis has been selected to form the new cabinet.

ATHENS, Nov. 16.—Troops fired from a number of points several times to disperse mobs of after-election rioters. Two persons were killed yesterday by shots, which it is said were fired by reactionaries.
Venizelos received the votes of 118 deputies in the election. The royalists received 250.

HEAR PROJECT FOR HOUSING

A very enthusiastic meeting of the representatives of various interests of Klamath Falls was held at the Chamber of Commerce last evening to listen to plans for a housing campaign by James Holland, late of Havre, Mont., who has had a number of years experience in that line.

Mr. Holland outlined plans and the accomplishments of a Home Building association with which he has been connected for seven years. The committee looking after this project consists of Captain J. W. Siemens, Leslie Rogers, O. D. Burke, E. M. Bubb, H. D. Mortenson, A. J. Voss, H. N. Moe, Dr. Campbell and W. H. Klingenberg, and they will report at the forum tomorrow noon.

The matter will be further discussed at the regular monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce tonight at the city hall. Any one interested in the housing problem is especially requested to be present tonight and give any information and help they can.

Building Permits Granted By Council

The following permits were granted by the city council at last night's meeting:

Charles L. Jansen, to build a garage 18x30 feet, in Hot Springs addition; J. T. McCollum, to erect a building for the Christian denomination on block 12, lot 1, original town, of brick and stone, two stories, at a cost of \$35,000; Charles Jansen, William E. Brown and B. S. Grisby, to build a sewer beginning at Eleventh and High streets and extending for 200 feet; Roy Litton, to build a residence in Railroad addition; Charles Pollock and L. K. Hamilton, to erect a frame building in Hot Springs to be used as a skating rink; C. G. Johnson, to build a store building in Buena Vista; A. H. Bowers, to erect a frame dwelling in Hot Springs; John R. Rasmussen, to build a modern bungalow in Nichols addition; W. H. Todd, to build a garage in Hot Springs; L. O. Arens, White Pelican garage, to conduct and operate a general garage business in the building known as the Hauger building, across from the White Pelican hotel; Mrs. R. L. Roe, to build a woodshed in the rear of her residence on Ewauna Heights.

COUNTIES JOIN IN WILLAMETTE ROAD PROJECT

The Willamette military highway, the connecting link between western and southeastern Oregon, will be opened for through travel before many moons, provided existing injunctions against the expenditure of county money do not interfere when the opportune time for beginning road construction arrives.

This highway, now in an impassable state, leaves the Pacific highway at Goshen, Lane county, Ore., and follows the Willamette river southeast, crosses the Cascades and into and through Klamath, Lake and Malheur counties.

Was Pioneer Trail
During the early stages of development in this state this road, then nothing more than a trail, was much in use. Today, it is open to travel from Goshen to the Kingdon ranch in Lane county, and from this city to Crescent lake. However, the road has been neglected, steep grades predominating and surface conditions being so bad that it amounts to nothing more than a wagon road of the worst description.

R. S. Bryson, county clerk of Lane county, following instructions of his county court, has written to the Klamath county court, his letter containing a proposition for both counties to appropriate a sufficient amount to place the road in serviceable shape, it being understood that the government will match both counties, dollar for dollar, in payment of the cost of the improvement.

Six Miles in Klamath
Six miles of improvement work will fall to this county. Lane county will be compelled to improve about 14 miles. It will cost approximately \$2,000 per mile, entailing an appropriation from this county of \$6,000, the other \$6,000 to be paid by the government. Lane county will expend \$14,000, but this will not interfere with the project, as that county has already spent more than \$69,000, and recognizes the necessity for the added expenditure if the purpose of the highway is to be served. County Judge R. H. Bunnell stated yesterday that the local board is in accord with the Lane county board, and that the appropriation will be forthcoming.

Six Per Cent Grade
With these comparatively modest expenditures, engineers say, it will be possible to secure a 6 per cent grade, and all other requirements necessary to make the highway passable for vehicles of any description.

Furthermore it is pointed out that there are 500,000 acres of timber land adjacent to this road, and that as soon as it is opened it will afford transportation for loggers, aid in development, and bring revenue into the county coffers from sources which at present time are closed to utilization. In other words, vast areas of untaxed lands would be placed upon the tax rolls and converted into profit-making properties.

Grand Scenic Route
This highway will shorten the route between north and northwestern Oregon to Crater lake and Klamath Falls, and it seems to be the consensus of opinion that the scenery, hunting and fishing along the highway would make it immensely popular with tourists.

In illustration it is stated that the distance from Portland to Crater lake via the Willamette highway would be only 270 miles, or a difference of 126 miles. Quite a saving of tires and gasoline, many auto owners say.

Shorter to Portland
Again, from Portland to Lakeview, via the Pacific Highway, Ashland and Klamath Falls, the distance is 538 miles, and over the route which will be afforded by the completion of the Willamette military highway, the distance would be only 418 miles.

Forty-six per cent of Lane county is in national forests, national parks and Indian reserves. Fifty-one per cent of this county is covered by this description. This highway would enable both counties to convert these areas into profit-producers. Lane county has seen the wisdom of opening the highway, and has already spent a large sum of money upon it. Lane county is willing to spend more, but knows that unless this county co-operates with it the road cannot be completed. No chain is stronger than its weakest link, the people over there say, and ask this county, through its commissioners, to provide a link that will endure and serve the object in view. Accord-

Livestock Judging Team Wins Third Place Among 15

A telegram received today from E. H. Thomas, county agricultural agent at Portland states that Klamath county's livestock judging team took third place at the Pacific International Livestock show contest among 15 teams entered.

Dale West, son of L. A. West, a member of the Klamath team took third individual place among the 44 boys and girls entered.

The highest team score was 1229. Klamath's score was 1152. Only four other counties scored 1100 or over.

The Klamath team was composed of Dale West, Dorothy Short and Orin Reeder.

The calves entered by the Klamath county boys and girls club members passed under the scrutiny of the judges yesterday and awards will be made today, Mr. Thomas said in the telegram.

WIRE CO. WARS ON STATE DEP'T

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—Long-standing controversy between the Western Union Telegraph company and the state department reached the stage of an open break today, the company refusing to handle any further cable messages for the state department except upon prepayment of tolls.

The company stated that the action was taken as a result of delayed payment upon messages. Department officials asserted that it was an act of retaliation for the failure of the department to permit the landing of the Western Union cable at Miami, Fla., connecting with the British cable from South America.

AVERT MONROE DOCTRINE BREAK

GENEVA, Nov. 16.—Danger that the league of nations may encroach upon the Monroe doctrine by considering American questions in the absence of the United States, which is not formally represented in the assembly of nations here, was averted today by the withdrawal of the request by Bolivia and Peru for a revision of their treaties with Chile.

It is not expected that any other American questions with dangerous possibilities will come before the present session of the assembly.

MAY SALVAGE GROUNDED BOAT

(By Associated Press)
MARSHFIELD, Ore., Nov. 16.—The steamer City of Topeka, it was learned by wireless this afternoon, is on her way to Marshfield with 28 men and two women rescued from the Joan of Arc, which went ashore last night south of Battle Rock, off Port Orford. The Joan of Arc was loaded with lumber from St. Helens to San Pedro.

The stranded schooner is resting in shallow water, and may be saved if pulled off before another storm catches her.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 16.—Abandoned by her crew, the steam schooner, Joan of Arc, is reported to be filling with water after being pulled off a reef at West Rock on the Rogue river outlet in Oregon.
The tug Storm King was dispatched from Eureka this morning to aid the foundering vessel. The steamers Atlas and City of Topeka, after rendering what assistance they could, resumed their voyages this morning.

The Joan of Arc is being washed toward the shore by the strong southerly gale that is blowing, but it is expected that the Storm King would be able to bring her safely into the Eureka harbor.

ingly, states Judge Bunnell, the Klamath county court will place in the 1921 budget provisions for an expenditure of \$6,000, sufficient, it is estimated, to do the work in shipshape, and thus one more spoke will be inserted into the wheel of progress which is continually revolving and bringing this county nearer to the state of development justified by its immense resources.

HEAVY RAISE IN TELEPHONE RATES ASKED

An increase in rates for telephone service, the maximum new rate being about 50 per cent above present rates for all classes of phones, is asked in a petition filed Saturday by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company with the state public service commission, at Salem, a copy of which has just reached The Herald.

A new system of grouping is asked, with towns in six groups instead of four as at present. Klamath Falls would be in the fourth group under the new plan with Oregon City, Roseburg and The Dalles.

For communities in this group the difference in rate follows:

One party business line—present rate \$3.50, new rate \$5 for wall phone, 25 cents extra for desk in either rate.

Two party business line—present rate \$5, new rate \$4, with 25 cents extra for desk phone.

One party residence—present rate \$2, new rate \$2.25, with 25 cents extra for desk phone.

Klamath Falls has no two party lines, but the advance is from \$1.75 to \$2.75.

Four party lines—present rate \$1.50, new rate \$2.50, with 25 cents extra for desk extension.

More than 2000 applications for telephone in the state are being held back of plant equipment and

fratative that the company's revenues be increased, says the letter transmitting the application to the commission.
"You are well acquainted with the extraordinary efforts that this company has made to get materials," says the letter of transmittal, "and with the fact that the efforts made in behalf of Oregon are but duplicates of the efforts made in behalf of every state of the union, the shortage of telephone plant and materials being a nation-wide difficulty.

"I desire to point out, however, that in spite of every handicap, this company has, in the state of Oregon, in the first nine months of 1920, actually installed 24,205 telephones. This is about 85 per cent more than the average for the first nine months of any of the preceding five years. It constitutes, relatively, the best record ever made in the state of Oregon in the matter of keeping pace with demand."

But, says the company, it has reached a point beyond which it cannot go in meeting the persistent demand unless its properties are put on a paying basis in Oregon, enabling it to sustain its credit and secure Oregon's necessities in money and material for its extraordinary growth. "Relief on a permanent basis is essential to further ability on our part to meet the demands of the state of Oregon," says the company.

The fair valuation of the company's properties in Oregon devoted to a general and comprehensive telephone service is declared in the application to be in excess of \$21,500,000, while the annual net revenue from operations in the state is "less than nothing."

"Many of the extraordinary economic changes, particularly in the matter of wages for labor, vastly increasing applicant's costs of operation and construction, experienced by applicant in common with business everywhere as a result of the world war, which this commission has heretofore dealt with as temporary and transient, are in applicant's operations permanent and must now be recognized as permanent factors in determining just, reasonable and sufficient rates," says the application.

It declares its willingness and desire to meet the extraordinary demands for telephone service now manifested by the increasing population of Oregon, but says "such willingness and desire are absolutely dependent upon applicant's ability to compete for money and materials in the markets of the world, and under existing rates and revenues and existing returns, its ability so to do is completely destroyed."

The company declares that as a result of the orders of the public service commission, the people of Oregon have had the same general and comprehensive telephone service rendered by the company in the neighboring states, both north and south, at rates materially lower than those charged in these other states, throughout the whole period of the war and since the armistice, and that this disparity of rates has been wholly at the expense of the company.

WEATHER REPORT
OREGON—Tonight and Wednesday, probably rain.