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## DISPUTE OVER WIDTH OF OAK STREET PAVING

### Twenty-five feet too Narrow, Declares West; Ordinance Held Up; Bilder- back Has Claim.

The proposed 25-foot paving on Oak street, between Sixth and Seventh streets, as specified in the resolution to pave the city hall unit, proved to be a stumbling block to the passage of the ordinance by the city council last night. When the ordinance came up for its second reading, Councilman West, who was absent at the meeting the Monday previous, stated that he did not think such paving would be a good thing for the city. His view was shared by the other councilman, and Councilman Bogardus suggested that the block be withdrawn from the unit. Attorney R. C. Groesbeck, appearing in the interest of property owners in the block, spoke against the narrow paving, and informed the council that under the law they had the power to create another improvement by resolution, without reference to the property owners affected. However, said Mr. Groesbeck, if the matter could be put through without the block in question without this action he would recommend that it be done. After some discussion, in which it became evident that the council was determined to exclude the block unless it could be paved the full width, it was decided to pass it to the second reading, and in the meantime the property owners could present another petition leaving out this block. Failing to pass to the next reading at the next meeting of the council, the ordinance would fail, and the new petition could then be considered. In the event that a new petition was not forthcoming, the present ordinance would still be alive. This means that Oak street, between Sixth and Seventh streets, must be paved the full width, or included in some other unit which may be improved later.

### Claim Big Damages

Grant Bilderback introduced a claim for \$75,000 for the loss of his wife, and \$30,000 for the loss of his daughter, both having lost their lives in the Houston hotel fire of last September. Bilderback claims negligence on the part of the city in granting a license to Mrs. W. B. Barnes to operate an unsafe hotel. It was recalled that Mr. Bilderback failed to identify the remains thought to have been those of his wife and daughter, burial being made by the county.

### C. A. Weedon's petition to build and conduct an open air dance pavilion at the corner of Eighth and Main streets was turned down, the council taking the position that it would be the means of retarding traffic on a street where travel is heaviest.

### Open Air Pavilion

Bert McDonald was given permission to build and conduct an open air dance pavilion, on Klamath avenue, between Charley's Place and the Link River Battery station. This permit was granted with the understanding that Mr. McDonald, in constructing the pavilion, shall comply with the demands of the fire protection laws. This petition was signed by about 40 reputable citizens. It passed the council unanimously.

### A. L. Wishard addressed the council in behalf of Mr. Weedon, whose petition was turned down, and asked why the council discriminated between the petitioners. He was informed that the first was turned down because of traffic problems, and that the second would not be finally honored unless fire laws were complied with.

### Septic Tank Again

The city septic tank was again discussed, and not having been cleaned for seven years, the committee was instructed to find out what it would cost to clean and repair it, and to report to the council as soon as possible.

A petition to pave High street from the west side of Third to Cedar, and Cedar street from High to Pine, was read. The petition specifies 25-foot paving, concrete paving, and six-foot cement sidewalks on either side. The

## Veterans of '98 To Hold Reunion Dinner Tonight

Spanish-American war veterans will gather this evening at the chamber of commerce rooms for a dinner and reunion, on the anniversary of the sinking of the U. S. S. Maine in Havana harbor 23 years ago. Mess call will sound at 8 o'clock.

Some 20 veterans of the war with Spain are expected to be present. The invitation committee has served notice upon all of whom it has cognizance, but there may be some men who served their country in '98 residing here whom the committee does not know. Request has been made that the press publish information in regard to the reunion and that the publication serve as an invitation to all Spanish war veterans to be on hand. They will be welcome.

Following the dinner an informal program of reminiscence speeches will take place.

## SUGAR PRICE UP 75 CENTS

Acting upon advice received from wholesalers this morning, local grocers advanced the price of sugar from \$10 a hundred to \$10.75 a hundred, this raise, they say, being general throughout the west.

The cause of this jump is not clear to local dealers, but an accepted theory is that banks which loaned liberally to investors when the price was hovering around 24 cents a pound, and who, with the investors, were left holding the sack when when the bottom fell out of the sugar market are behind the upward movement. This raise, it is believed, is the first part of the program backed by the regional banks to recover as much as possible of the money sunk in sugar when the price was flirting with the clouds.

## Hales Travelled Far But Found No Place Like Klamath Falls

Jack Hales, who conducted the Hales meat market here up to the time he sold it to George Offield of Merrill, is back from Bashaw, Alberta, Canada, where he has been for the past three months.

"There's no place like Klamath Falls," says Mr. Hales, who went to Canada with the intention of locating there. After looking about for three months he found nothing to his liking and came back with his mind made up to re-enter business in this city.

Mr. Hales returned Sunday evening. Mrs. Hales did not accompany her husband. She knew that he would come back, she says, being of the opinion all along that Klamath Falls was the liveliest, fastest, growing place in the northwest.

### AMERICAN LEGION MEET TONIGHT AT CITY HALL.

The American Legion post holds its regular meeting tonight at the city hall, starting at 8 o'clock. A mass of important matters, requiring the attention of members, has accumulated.

A committee is arranging for a smoker on Washington's birthday and will report progress of their plans tonight.

petition was adopted and the engineer instructed to prepare plans and specifications on the payment of \$250 engineering fees.

### Firemen's Pay Fixed

A resolution fixing the compensations of firemen was also adopted. The schedule calls for \$1800 per year for the assistant fire chief, \$1800 for the chief hoseman, and \$1620 each for the truck driver and second hoseman.

William Barnett's bill for five days work as patrolman at \$4.66 a day was honored, and the Link River Electric company and Henry Tutler were given permission to hang signs in front of their place of business, the first at Seventh and Klamath, and the other at 525 Oak street.

## LLOYD-GEORGE MUST MAKE A HARD FIGHT TO RETAIN CONTROL; IRISH POLICY; NON-EMPLOYMENT ISSUES

### British Parliament Reassembles With Stormy Struggle Foreshadowed; Opposition Criticises Premier for Alleged Errors In Both Foreign And Domestic Policies; King Favors Trade Treaty With Soviet Russia.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—New political alignments and the proposal of legislative and governmental issues of tremendous import to Great Britain were foreshadowed when parliament reassembled today after a recess of seven weeks.

Opposition to the Lloyd George ministry and discontent with many of its policies seems to have reached a climax and it appeared that the stability of the cabinet will be given a crucial test.

The attacks of the opposition seem certain to center on the government policy toward Ireland.

The domestic situation, including unemployment and high taxes, the government's attitude toward British trade with Russia and the acceptance of the British mandate for Mesopotamia have also caused criticism.

It is freely predicted that Lloyd George will have to put up a most vigorous fight if he expects to come unscathed through the political struggle that his opponents have snaped out.

King George, in a speech from the throne today, deplored the violence indulged in by a "misguided

section of the Irish people" and said he favored a commercial treaty with soviet Russia.

## Pyrotechnics Are Result of Power Line Short Circuit

Early risers in the west end of town yesterday morning were treated to an impromptu pyrotechnic display, when a quantity of wet snow that accumulated during the night on the roof of the California-Oregon Power company's power plant on the west bank of the river, slid off and short circuited the 3,400 and 4,000 volt lines.

A giant arc light was created that sent out dazzling rays and from a distance the light streamers seemed to have a half dozen different colors, giving a fine aurora borealis effect.

The short circuit was made about 5 o'clock. The repair crew immediately turned out and dug the lines out of the snow and by 7:30 had them working again. Only the heavy power lines were effected. The lighting system was not interfered with.

## NEWS OF BANK REOPENING IS GLOOM CHASER

The definite announcement in The Herald of yesterday that the First State and Savings bank was going to re-open, had a more stimulating effect on the community than anything that has occurred this year. While the utmost confidence has prevailed that the bank would resume business again, there was just that something lacking that was necessary to make the depositors stand firmly on both feet and face the future with a smile. That "something" was supplied in yesterday's announcement. Already there may be detected in the business district a more cheerful feeling—a feeling that the bottom has been reached and from now on things are going to move upwards.

The probability that some of the stock of the reorganized bank will be offered to the public created a stir among those who are seeking safe as well as profitable investments and there were many who called on Captain Siemens for information on this point and asked that their names be placed upon any list of subscribers that might be prepared or considered. In commenting on the situation, Captain Siemens today stated:

"It is indeed very gratifying to find such general support for any plans that may be proposed. It indicates that the First State and Savings still holds the full confidence of the people of the city. When the statement of the bank's condition is made public it will be found that this confidence has not been misplaced.

"Another feature of the situation that has given me extreme satisfaction is the willingness of investors in the county to become stockholders in the reorganized institution. Following the announcement of yesterday many have called personally and phoned, stating that if stock is offered, they wished to be permitted to purchase stock. A community cannot fall that possesses such a spirit and I am glad to be one of its citizens and I am doubly glad that circumstances have made it possible for me to have been able to help, even in the small degree that I have helped, in its development. I hope that the future will offer me greater opportunities to help shape the destinies of this county, so that I may see the time when it shall be the greatest in the state."

## MOVIE BILLS ARE TABLED

(By Associated Press)  
SALEM, Feb. 15.—Two bills regulating moving pictures, one of which would have made it unlawful to show pictures representing crime in any theater in the state, and the other forbidding the sale of tickets when there are no seats available, were indefinitely postponed in the house yesterday.

The game code bill amendment, which fixes the open deer season at from September 1 to October 31, instead of from August 15 to October 15, was passed by the Senate today.

The senate also passed the bill providing for appointment by the governor of a commissioner to regulate the co-operative marketing of meats.

## Flood Causes Fear For Lost River Dam

H. E. Anderson, of the Anderson brothers' grocery, returned from Merrill yesterday evening, after visiting there since Sunday. Mr. Anderson says the roads are in bad condition, and that Lost river is higher than it has been for years. There is some apprehension felt that the water may continue to rise, and that Lost river dam may go out. Much land in the Tule lake district is under water, camps and hay stacks in several instances being almost covered.

## Weather Probabilities

The Cyclo-Stormograph at Underwood's Pharmacy has registered a steadily rising barometer since four o'clock yesterday afternoon, thus forecasting the clearing weather of today.

Being well out of the storm area comparatively clear weather may be looked for, at least during the next 24 hours.

Forecast for next 24 hours  
Generally fair weather, probably cold, with variable winds.

## ASK LOWER RATE ON LUMBER SHIPMENTS.

(By Associated Press)  
OMAHA, Nebraska, Feb. 15.—Hearing of an application for reduction of the lumber freight rate from the Pacific northwest opened here today.

## Plot to Blow-Up the Mayflower Is Under Probe By Officers

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—An enlisted man of the navy was arrested at the navy yard here today in connection with an alleged plot to blow up President Wilson's yacht, the Mayflower. Secret service officials are conducting their investigations on the theory that the plot may have extended to the intended destruction of the shops and other vessels at the navy yard.

The man under arrest is said to have offered an officer a bribe to secure the privilege of placing a package aboard the Mayflower.

## SENATE PASSES SALARY BILL

(By Associated Press)  
SALEM, Feb. 15.—The senate today passed the bill prepared by Senator Upton, with the collaboration of Representatives Overturf and Burdick, relating to salaries of Klamath county officials.

Note—The bill raises the pay of the assessor, \$1500 to \$3000; school superintendent, \$1500 to \$2400; county judge, \$1500 to \$2000, and commissioners from \$5 for each day of service to \$1500 a year, flat. The bill now goes to the house.

## Boy Left to Shift Alone by Mother

The county court yesterday allowed \$10 a month toward providing for Frank Wilson, ten years old, a Long Lake lad who is left to shift for himself on account of the alleged desertion of his mother. Mrs. C. B. Allen called the court's attention to the case. The parents of the boy were divorced some time ago.

The court hopes to be able to place the boy with some local family and would welcome application from any one who desires to give Frank a home.

## FORUM TOMORROW IN NEW C. OF C. ROOMS.

Tomorrow will be "Patriotic Day" for 1921, in the records of the Klamath county chamber of commerce, and Judge D. V. Kuykendall will deliver the principal address at the forum luncheon. This luncheon comes midway between Lincoln's birthday and Washington's birthday, and both days will be approximately observed through the program.

The luncheon will be held in the chamber of commerce rooms at 12:15 instead of in the Rex Cafe.

## BUYS A REO; IS READY FOR AUTOMOBILE SEASON

Claude Daggett, of the Ewauna Box factory, purchased a Reo touring car from the Acme Motors company Saturday, thus insuring himself against the time when the lure of autoing becomes irresistible, and when the chance to secure a Reo readily may not be so good as it is now.

## BABY GIRL GLADDENS THE O'CONNOR HOME.

Mr. and Mrs. John O'Connor, of the Spring Lake district, are the happy parents of a baby girl, born at one o'clock this morning, close enough to Valentine day to be considered a valentine baby. The little lady weighed 7 pounds, and will be named Mary Johannah. Dr. Wright brings a very assuring report from mother and daughter. Mrs. O'Connor was Miss Violet Matney before her marriage, and has a long list of friends here.

## SUNSET GROCERY BUYS ALL OF JENKINS STOCK

The entire stock of the Palaco grocery and Klamath Department store, which went into the hands of a receiver several months ago, was sold to the Sunset grocery today. Nine bids were received by the receiver, Fred Garich. The stock involved at approximately \$12,000.

## MAYOR HAS AGE WHEN VOLLMER ASKS SHOWDOWN

### Willful Trio Vote to Oust Police Chief Wilson But Mayor Will Keep Him on Job As Appointee.

The chief of police of this city will hold his position by "starts and jerks," at least until the deadlock existing between a majority of the council and the mayor is broken. Councilman Vollmer, assisted by Councilmen Bogardus and McCollum, clinched this deadlock, which has been in existence since the new council came into being, when the former, pursuant to his announced policy, repeated the motion he made one week previously to the effect that the services and pay of Chief H. S. Wilson be discontinued immediately. "Not Premeditated"

Mr. Vollmer evidently followed out a plan with justice aforethought, as he carefully explained to the council that he entertained no "malice aforethought," and read his motion from a slip of paper, while he beamed triumphantly, and a trifle belligerently some people thought, first at the citizens back of him, and then at the council before him.

Mayor Wiley's action on the Vollmer motion was swift and impregnable. He repeated his decision, made a week before, that the motion was out of order.

### Wisdom From West

At this juncture Councilman West imparted his emphatic opinion to the militant councilman across the table from him, that he did not consider Mr. Vollmer's tactics tended to produce business efficiency in the conduct of the affairs of the city. Mr. Vollmer was equally sure that his methods were justified, and immediately appealed from the decision of the chair, asking the mayor to put the motion. The mayor was adamant, and smilingly refused to put the Vollmer motion. Mr. Vollmer then asserted that under parliamentary rules he could put the motion himself. Finding no one disposed to retard his progress he put the motion, Councilmen Bogardus and McCollum voting with him in favor of the motion. Councilmen West and Hawkins voted against him. Vollmer then declared the motion carried, and requested the clerk to so record it on the minutes, resuming his seat with a charitable "I've done my duty" countenance.

### Mayor Holds An Ace

There was a slight commotion in the rear of the hall at the culmination of this episode, and someone startled the crowd by calling for a rope. But the mayor added another chapter to the story by immediately declaring that as the chief had been removed, and the city was then without police protection, emergency existed, and that under the charter he would appoint three police officers, George McDonald, T. F. Durham, and H. S. Wilson, the latter to act as chief. These appointments, the mayor added, would be effective for five days.

### Bogardus "Success"

Councilman Bogardus protested that he did not see the emergency situation as clearly as the mayor did, but the mayor was steadfast in his contention that a city without necessary policemen was in dangerous avenues, and Mr. Bogardus subsided.

"Is Mr. Wilson the only man in town fit to be chief of police?" asked Mr. Vollmer. The mayor apparently did not hear him.

### Says No One Slated

"We have no one picked out," argumentatively continued Mr. Vollmer, "it is just a matter of giving the people what they want, and the people are with me."

The mayor heard the noise this time and abruptly answered Mr. Vollmer thusly: "I don't care to hear any more arguments about it. Is there any more business?"

According to the charter the mayor is empowered to appoint officers for a five-day period, and at the end of this period he may make the same appointments if he chooses. This leaves the situation in about the

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