

## POLICE CHIEF'S PAY STOPPED BY COUNCIL

"We've had enough horse play. If you think you're going to get away with it, you're off," declared Councilman Paul Bogardus to Mayor W. S. Wiley, when the matter of paying Emergency Chief Wilson came up for discussion at last night's meeting of the city council.

Mayor Wiley readily agreed with Mr. Bogardus as far as the horse play was concerned, but it was strikingly evident that he had his mind impregnably made up relative to the identity of the person who was injecting the animal element into the middle.

**Bogardus Starts It**

This pleasantry was caused by Councilman Bogardus motion to disallow the salary claim of the chief of police from February 14 to the 1st of March, and to reduce the pay of Patrolman McDonald and Durham from \$5 to \$3 a day. Councilman West and Mayor Wiley vigorously protested against the proposed reduction in the patrolmen's pay, but preferred to waive reference to the chief's salary, evidently believing that the chief had sufficient basis for demanding and collecting his salary if the matter came to a showdown.

The usual order of councilmanic procedure was reversed as far as the "twin ructionists" were concerned, for every time Councilman Bogardus kicked up his heels, Councilman Vollmer snorted, and the arrangement worked just as well as when Bogardus represented the nether end of the combine at previous meetings.

**Session Starts Lively**

Trouble began when a bill presented by the Central Auto Service for jitney hire by the police department came up for discussion. This bill, made up of several pages, dated back more than a year, the predominating items being for "taking a dog to pound," and for trips to the scenes of sundry fights and other disturbances, down to transporting a negro from the depot to the city hall. All of these bills were duly O. K'd, and despite Chief Wilson's statement that the Central Auto Service had not presented a bill to the city for at least 15 months, Councilman Bogardus moved that the bill be disallowed. Finally, after Councilman West had pointed out in a fatherly way the apparent error in his reasoning, Mr. Bogardus amended his motion, and moved that this bill be referred to the finance committee, but still included in the motion repudiation of Chief Wilson's salary, and a reduction in the salaries of Patrolmen Durham and McDonald.

**Paul Is Economical**

Councilman West scathingly remarked to Councilman Bogardus that a remuneration of only \$3 a day would not permit the city to employ competent men, and Councilman Bogardus maintained that \$90 was ample as there was no manual labor connected with the "jobs." Councilman West did not argue the proposition of placing a premium upon brawn over brain, evidently believing that his colleague was well versed in the merits of both attributes, probably through personal experience, and dropped the matter.

At this point Councilman Vollmer stated that he could not see why it was necessary to hire the two patrolmen, as no emergency existed. "I can't either," said Councilman Bogardus.

**Tilt With Mayor**

"I had to resort to extreme measures when you broke up the police department, didn't I," answered the mayor.

"No you didn't," said Councilman Bogardus, "no you didn't," echoed Councilman Vollmer, and with this plausible explanation of the controversy, Councilman Bogardus meandered on toward his charge of horse play by the mayor.

A voice somewhere in the audience called out stentoriously at this period: "Get a rope and drag him out." No name was mentioned in this exhortation, but Councilman Bogardus evidently took it as a compliment to himself, turned and glared ominously at the audience. But

## Conference on Plan For Financing Crater Lake Hotel Is Called

PORTLAND, Ore., March 8.—At a conference to be held in Portland next Friday officials of national parks and business men of Oregon propose to outline a plan for financing a first class tourist hotel for Crater lake.

Leaders of the movement are anxious that some plan be developed for financing the Crater lake hotel proposition, take over the holdings of A. L. Parkhurst, present concessionaire, and enlarge and improve the hotel accommodations on a scale which will be able to handle the tourist travel.

Sydney B. Vincent, a member of the special committee appointed by Governor Olcott which made an investigation of the Crater lake hotel situation recently, has prepared a plan for financing the business. He has submitted this plan to Governor Olcott and others and it may be given consideration at the conference.

## WILL NOT REOPEN THE PORTLAND RATE CASE

SALEM, March 8.—The public service commission today received a telegram from Washington that Puget Sound cities had withdrawn application for a rehearing for the Columbia Basin rate case in which the interstate commerce commission awarded Portland a ten per cent differential on shipments from south of Snake river.

## SPRING STARTS NEW BUILDINGS

The arrival of spring weather seemingly is having its effect upon building activities in this city, the number of building permits, covering, however, only moderate amounts, being larger than at any meeting held for several months. The permits granted were:

W. C. Brown, frame house, 20x20, cost \$700, on lot 9, block 2, Hot Springs addition.

Harry Furch, to move the Shive house, Seventh and Pine streets, and a small building in rear of Gun Store, to Tenth and Washington streets, and Tenth and Jefferson streets; also to wreck the building known as the Bear Cat garage. This permit was granted with the proviso that Mr. Furch deposit \$250 to insure the city payment in the event of damage to streets.

L. W. Hardin, to remodel and build addition to dwelling at 524 Grant street, cost \$500.

L. M. Hadden, to build three story frame house, 20x26, with woodshed, 10x10, on lots 20 and 21, block 30, Second addition to Klamath Falls.

Jos. H. Pickle, to build addition to house on lot 2, block 64, Nichols addition, cost \$500.

George W. Helms, to build frame house on lot 23, block 13, Fairview addition, cost \$1000.

H. S. Gooding to build addition to house at 424 N. Eleventh street, cost \$1000.

James W. Carson, to build frame dwelling on lots 1 and 2, block 7, Industrial addition, cost \$200.

J. W. and G. A. Fitzpatrick, to build four room modern bungalow on lot 11, block 55, Hot Springs addition, cost \$1800.

An application by Mrs. E. B. McDonald to conduct a rooming house at 421 Main street was laid over pending investigation by the fire chief.

all was decorum and quietude, and as the mayor called sharply for order, the council again turned to a more rational consideration of the business before them.

**Chief Will Sue**

Chief Wilson stated after the council meeting that he would institute a suit against the city for wages, if the council persisted in "cutting him off at the pocket."

The motion to stop the chief's pay and reduce the pay of the mayor's patrolmen appointees was carried by the votes of Bogardus, Vollmer and McCollum.

Patrolmen Hilton and Wynn apparently stand well with the triumvirate. No attempt was made to lower their pay from the present \$140 scale.

## MUCH PAVING DISCUSSION AT COUNCIL

A petition to improve Seventh street from Washington to Grant, was granted by the city council last night, with the proviso that the property owners deposit a certified check for \$125 with the police judge to cover preliminary costs. The city engineer was authorized to prepare plans and specifications covering the improvement. The council was advised that this proposed improvement fell by the wayside last year because of the scarcity of men and equipment, and the high cost of construction, but that it was an improvement that was imperative. He urged immediate action. John Thorsen, one of the interested property owners, was present in support of the petition. This will be a two way street, 20 feet on either side, and will not be hard surfaced at this time, the property owners being content to grade and make the permanent improvement later.

A petition was also introduced and adopted covering the paving with bitulthic or other hard surface material Oak street from Sixth to Ninth street, Walnut street, from Sixth to Ninth, Seventh street from Klamath to Oak streets, Eighth street from Walnut to Oak streets, Ninth street from Klamath avenue to Oak street, and Oak street from Ninth to Spring streets. These streets will all have paving from 40 to 50 feet, with cement sidewalks and curbing on both sides. Councilman Bogardus' motion to adopt the resolution provided the property owners deposit \$300 for engineer's expenses was carried without much discussion.

Police Judge Leavitt presented a report of the financial condition of improvement units 1, 2, and 3, initiated in 1910, and extending to October 10, 1920. These units lie south of Main street. The amount of the original bonds was \$124,818.53, and of this amount the report showed that \$77,000 worth had been retired, leaving a balance, with interest of \$47,818.53. The report advised the council that the bonds would undoubtedly be presented for final payment by May 1, and that the city should be ready to meet the payment at that time. The police judge asked the council to make their demands for payment upon the delinquents in the form of an order, and strengthen the chance to procure early payments.

Fire Chief Ambrose reported that there were no fires during February. One false alarm was responded to, for which firemen were paid \$3. There were 58 inspections by the chief. Among buildings inspected were the Evans and Wilkins buildings at numbers 2 and 10 Main street. The chief said that even if properly wired, the buildings would still be unsafe and dangerous. They are partially constructed of cloth and plaster, the flues are bad, and the general condition of the buildings was far below standard. He recommended that permission to occupy them as living rooms be withheld. The matter was referred to the fire committee. The chief then suggested that the health officer visit the buildings also.

H. M. Manning asked permission to build a stone retaining wall in front of his residence on Conger avenue. This was referred to the street committee, with every indication that it will be granted.

A report showed that the sewer on Klamath avenue near Eighth street was stopped, City Engineer Zumwalt explaining that the obstruction is probably due to the sand which is washed into the sewer by the washing of cars at garages in the vicinity. He suggested sand traps as a remedy. In the meantime Street Commissioner Hunsaker is having his troubles trying to open a passage way in the sewer.

Residents of Mills addition requested the city to lay sidewalks on the intersections of streets from Wantland avenue to the Mills school. The sidewalks are in, but the crossings are bad, and the council took the matter under advisement, accepting the suggestion that four feet walks be constructed.

## BIGAMY CHARGE FILED AGAINST LOCAL RESIDENT

Albert C. Nerling, known in this city as Bert McDonald, was arrested last night by Patrolman Hilton on a charge of bigamy, brought by Mrs. Maude Nerling, of Kansas City, Missouri, who claims she was wedded by Nerling in Kansas City in 1907. Local records show that the accused bigamist, under the name of McDonald, was married to Bernice Inez Ernst in Klamath Falls, September 30, 1920.

McDonald appeared last night before Justice Gaghagen and furnished \$1000 bond for his appearance for preliminary hearing Friday. The bond was signed by Ed. Propst and Morris Bryan.

The first wife came here Saturday night with McDonald's half-brother from Vancouver, Washington. The brother, according to the police story, was seeking to straighten out a family matter.

Bert McDonald said today he would face the charges. He expressed confidence that they would not be pressed. He admits the Kansas City marriage, but says he was only 17 years old and became entangled through youthful indiscretion with a woman many years his senior.

McDonald, he says, is his rightful name. Nerling was the name of his stepfather and he has adopted it before the marriage. His first wife, he says, has been married since they separated and he does not believe she will press the charges.

The first wife did not know McDonald was married when she came here. According to McDonald she sought to induce him to leave with her. He refused and she offered him \$1000, he says, if he would reconsider. This caused her in spite to file the bigamy charge.

The arrest brings to light the lack of co-operation existing in the police department.

Mrs. Nerling and her brother-in-law left on this morning's train without knowing the arrest had been made, said Chief Wilson.

In fact the chief himself at 10 o'clock this morning said Patrolman Hilton, who has the night shift, had left no report of the arrest on his desk.

## Sprague River Mill Will Start Monday

The Sprague River Lumber company's mill will start next Monday with a crew of 25 men, reports J. M. Bedford, a member of the concern. The mill is located five miles above Chiloquin on Sprague river. A supply of logs is on hand from last season and the logging camps will not open until later. The mill has a daily capacity of 35,000 feet.

## PRINCIPAL SUSPENDS SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AS PUNISHMENT

School social and athletic activities will cease, decreed Principal Goetz of the high school this morning, until culprits guilty of stacking books over the school premises, confess. The visit of the mischievous ones was discovered when school opened this morning.

Mr. Manning reminded the council that a Mrs. Peterson, a woman of 60 years or more, had presented a claim for damages for injury due to a fall on a defective sidewalk in front of Dr. A. A. Soule's residence, and that she would withhold suit against the city if her medical expenses were paid by the city. He wanted no pay for his service, but a suit would be instituted, he said, if the matter is not settled on that basis. The council took this matter under advisement also.

Residents of the Shippington district asked the council to order several dirt roads in that section dragged, believing that this is the opportune time. Street Commissioner Hunsaker tartly advised the petitioners that he would drag the road "when the time came," as they were not fit to be worked upon at this time. This settled the matter for the present.

## New Administration Takes Action to Aid Western Wool Men

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Secretary of War Weeks, at the request of western senators, including Senator Stanfield of Oregon, today suspended the war department order for the sale of six million pounds of surplus army wool at Boston next Thursday. The senators told the secretary that the sale would be disastrous now to wool growers, who are preparing to shear the spring clip.

**Tariff Policy**

Republican leaders who dined with the president last night said he favored a new temporary tariff for a year pending the preparation of a permanent law to replace the Underwood act. The full program is to be laid before the president soon.

## PHEASANTS ARE COMING TONIGHT

Five crates of Chinese pheasants will arrive tonight from the state game farm at Eugene, for distribution by the Klamath County Sportsmen's association. The birds will be at the Western Transfer office until distributed. They will be liberated on the following ranches: M. J. Lytle, Bonanza; Ross Sutton, Dairy; A. F. Graham and David Turner, Langell Valley; C. L. Holliday, Keno.

**Must Have Licenses**

The association warns anglers in Link river that all must have fishing licenses. Many are fishing without licenses and the game warden plans to investigate immediately.

Also, anglers must take notice that the season is closed for all fish less than ten inches long. Arrests will follow continued violations.

**Rainbow Running**

The state commission yesterday sent in two men to reopen the Spencer Creek egg taking station. Freshets have destroyed the dam and new racks must be installed. Trout are reported running in both Spencer Creek and Wood river.

## LARK EVANS ACQUITTED BY JACKSON COUNTY JURY

Lark Evans, whose second trial before Judge D. V. Kuykendall in Jacksonville last week attracted much attention, was acquitted by the jury on the second ballot. Because Evans was arrested here and several local persons were witnesses, much interest was taken here in the trial's outcome. At his first trial, a year ago, Evans was convicted and sentenced to 15 years in the state prison.

## ALLIES TAKE POSSESSION OF GERMAN TOWNS

MAYENCE, March 8.—British, Belgian and French troops entered Duesseldorf this morning. French and Belgian troops occupied Duisberg at noon. The allied Rhine flotilla took possession of Ruhrfort.

BERLIN, March 8.—The German cabinet decided to take no action opposing the allied advance. Speaking of penalties, one cabinet member said: "We must beat them with dignity."

President Ebert appealed to the German people to meet foreign despotism with austere dignity, and admonished against ill-advised acts. In a proclamation Ebert said Germany was unable to use force to oppose the allies' methods, but she nevertheless protested against open violation of the peace treaty.

He said the allies imposed demands impossible of fulfillment, which the work of a generation could not carry out.

"We must not, and we cannot comply with it," he added. "Our honor and self respect forbids it."

## LEGION REPRESENTATIVES POSTPONE THEIR VISIT

Word has been received from Portland headquarters, according to Roy N. Fouch, adjutant of the American Legion post, that the Flying Squadron, which was to have arrived here last night, has been held up temporarily, on account of the withdrawal by government bureaus of their representatives. The Squadron came as far as Medford, and will likely now have to return to Portland headquarters, and the local post will be informed later as to their arrival here.

## PROJECT BILL SIGNED; AMOUNT IS NOT CERTAIN

Whether signing of the sundry civil bill by President Wilson carried the Klamath project appropriation in its entirety is not definitely established here. This was one of the final bills signed by Wilson.

The San Francisco Associated Press headquarters reports that the bill carried through the \$1,213,000 Klamath appropriation. The Portland Telegram, however, said today that there was no definite information there that it had. The reclamation office at Portland has not been informed that the reclamation appropriations were carried with the bill.

Project Manager Newell said today that he had no direct information, but that the sundry civil bill carried the project appropriation and as far as known it had not been reduced from the original \$1,213,000.

The Portland Telegram, on the other hand, said meager information available indicated the appropriation had been reduced to \$713,000.

## Chiloquin Man Will Face Trial

Wade Crawford will be tried in Justice Gaghagen's court tomorrow afternoon on the charge of injury to the property of W. C. Balfour, Chiloquin hotel man, and afterward will face trial for assault and battery on George Du Vault of Chiloquin. From his information so far obtained it appears that Crawford and Balfour engaged in a "friendly scuffle." The outcome was not friendly and Balfour claims Crawford maliciously broke his watch chain.

The assault took place at a basket ball game at Chiloquin following a quarrel. Du Vault accused Crawford of being too officious.

## JURY DISAGREES IN FIRST JACKSONVILLE BANK TRIAL

MEDFORD, March 8.—The jury trying Mrs. Myrtle Blakely, ex-treasurer of Jackson county, disagreed today. Defendant was charged with malfeasance in connection with placing county funds in the Bank of Jacksonville before its failure.

## SERIOUS OFFENSE CHARGED

Bert Swager was arraigned before Justice Gaghagen this afternoon on a charge of annoying young girls by improper advances. He was arrested Sunday by Patrolman Wynn. This is the second arrest of the sort in two weeks.

## PACKERS ANNOUNCE WAGE CUT, STARTING MARCH 14

CHICAGO, March 8.—Packers today announced a 12 1/2 per cent reduction in wages, effective March 14. It will apply to all parts of the country and affect 100,000 employees.

## SAYS MELHASE PROPERTY IS NOT INCORPORATED

The Malhase estate does not figure in the Daggett-Melhase investment company's incorporation, says Mrs. Henrietta Melhase. The estate has been legally terminated and the incorporation is for the purpose of conducting a general realty and investment business, independent of the Melhase property, she says.

## FARM SALE

Completion of the sale of the Joseph Rbustellini farm on the Merrill road to Richard Britensteln of the city was made known today.