

SALARY SUIT WILL TEST THE CITY CHARTER

Suit to enforce the payment of reasonable salary for services as chief of police and patrolmen will be instituted shortly by Chief Wilson and Patrolmen Durham and McDonald. The chief today, following the refusal of three members of the council Monday night to allow the chief any pay and reducing the wages of McDonald and Durham to \$1 a day.

The action will legally test the provision of the city charter, placing the appointive power with the mayor. The section says that all appointive officers shall hold their offices for a definite term, namely a year, unless discharged by the mayor or a majority vote of the council.

The council holds that this provision gives them equal power with the mayor in dismissing an appointive officer, and whether the courts will so hold is open to question.

Such disputes are judicially interpreted according to established standards and the plaintiffs will hold that there is well defined precedent preventing the summary removal of an honest and qualified officer.

Cause must be shown, it is generally held, for such removal and in the local situation no charges of any nature have been filed against Chief Wilson.

Also, courts are inclined to vest the power of removal with the appointive officer, and where the mayor appoints it would seem that he has the power to remove.

The charter provision lacks clarity and a test would be welcomed by many officials of the city government.

Mayor Wiley said today that if the opposing councilmen would agree, he would gladly see the matter go through judicial examination, providing that the police salaries would be paid without quibble until the court's decision.

GLEE CLUB IS NEXT AT ELKS

The Ricketts glee club is on the program in the Elks' entertainment series, appearing at the Elks' temple next Monday night, March 14. Those who heard the Tennessee Jubilee singers at the last entertainment will all be back and bring their friends, as the colored sextet made an excellent impression. In fact, all of the series so far given have been of a high standard.

The Ricketts glee club is an organization which offers musical programs with an unusual number of popular entertainment features. This company was organized for the purpose of pleasing every class of patrons, and the members are specialists aside from being a male quartet of singers and musicians.

Special mention is made by critics of Vernon Ricketts, who specializes on the concertino, saxophone, and piano. He is said to have few equals on these instruments.

Reopens Business Stopped By Fire

J. V. Cardozo, who was burned out at Second and Main streets in the fire of September 6, has re-established his grocery and confectionery at 1126 Main street. The new store will carry a complete line of the usual staples and many specialties. Mr. Cardozo was making a fine start at the old stand until the fire occurred and expects to continue his success in his new location.

DOAK WILL FILED
NAPA, Cal., March 9.—The will of the late D. P. Doak, Oakville, Napa county, millionaire, has been filed for probate in the superior court. It names the widow, Frieda Vocke Doak, as executrix, and leaves to her the bulk of the estate.

Conflicting Reports Of Russian Revolt; Soviet Claims Gain

COPENHAGEN, March 9.—News of the Russian situation is conflicting, with the latest Helsingfors dispatches reporting that the soviet forces had recaptured the fortresses of Krasnola Gorka and Hysterbaka this morning and were training the big guns on Kronstadt. Fires were observed breaking out in Kronstadt, said the reports. An infantry assault by soviet troops upon Kronstadt is reported to have been repulsed with enormous losses to the attacking forces.

These reports were preceded by dispatches that Petrograd was in the revolutionists' hands. A Reval message, however, said that the bolsheviks had recaptured the southern suburbs of Petrograd.

MEDICINAL USE OF LIQUOR O. K.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—The government is without authority to prohibit the manufacture or sale of liquor, wine or beer for non-beverage purposes, according to a ruling by the attorney general, published today by the international revenue bureau.

The opinion expressly states that there must be no limitation on the use of liquors for non-beverage purposes except that prescribed by congress in limiting the sale of spirituous liquors to one pint for ten days.

The question of limitation, the opinion said, thus is left to the good faith of the physician in charge of the case.

The opinion said, "I think the intention of the act is to leave the physician unfettered by government control, but subject to be dealt with criminally and by revocation of his permit if he acts in bad faith."

The opinion is signed by Mitchell Palmer, former attorney general.

First Law Suit In A Week Is Filed

The first entry for a week was made upon the circuit court index of actions yesterday afternoon, when the Wood Curtis company filed suit against the Lamm Lumber company to collect \$75, alleged to be due for goods sold the Klamath Logging & Timber company and guaranteed by defendant.

The lapse of a week without inauguration of fresh litigation is extraordinary. It has been years since the index has not had at least one new suit on its pages daily.

CIVIC AFFAIRS DISCUSSED BY C. OF C. MEETING

Several subjects, generally conceded to be vitally important to the people of this county, were given an airing at the Chamber of Commerce meeting last night, but all of the discussions lacked those touches that indicate or portend definite action, the speakers evidently preferring to place this meeting on record as preliminary to future meetings at which the subjects will be treated with finality.

The proposed diverting of the Dalles-California highway through Fort Klamath developed the opinion that in order to bring this diversion to pass it would be necessary for the county itself to extend the road to Fort Klamath.

The advent of tree planting time was the incentive for a long discussion relative to beautifying lawns, gardens, boulevards, and for the creating of parks.

W. A. West, who was at Salem as representative of the Chamber of Commerce, during the legislative session, stated that as far as the redistricting of the state was concerned, the senator and representatives who acted for Klamath county, were not much interested, presumably because they were not residents here.

The county tax situation received

Refinishing First State Bank Indicates the Opening Will Not Be Long Delayed

The first evidence of the new life that is to re-create the First State and Savings bank was evidenced today when a crew of painters began the task of repainting and redecorating the interior of the institution. Questions directed to the man in charge elicited no further information than that he was employed to do the work and that was all he knew about it. When asked who employed him, he directed the questioner to interview the boss, but refused to say who "the boss" was.

That haste is being exercised was indicated by the fact that six men are engaged in the task and it is understood that if the work can be satisfactorily carried on at night, there will be no cessation until the job is finished.

Captain Siemens and his sons, J. W. Junior, are both out of the city, but it is not likely that this refurbishing would be undertaken unless orders has come direct from one or the other.

Prosecution Indicated

Much as this move is enshrouded in mystery, it is insignificant when compared with the gathering of affidavits bearing upon the events that preceded the suspension of the bank, as well as bearing upon the efforts that have and still are being made to prevent its reopening. As stated in The Herald some time ago, every phase of this matter is being investigated to the very bottom. This investigation, it is said, has a twofold object, criminal and civil. It is understood that vigorous efforts will be carried on to bring about prosecution under the state law, which is very stringent in its penalties for the setting on foot of false rumors about the bank. It is also understood that much of the evidence that is being accumulated is to be used in civil suits that are to be instituted because of the damages that have

followed as the result of false statements made. If present plans are carried out, dire results to certain individuals are sure to follow.

Another phase that is causing uneasiness in certain quarters is the independent investigation that is being conducted by the banking department. Nothing official has been given out, but action seems to be speaking in thunderous tones, if the bits of information that are floating around are indicative of what the state is going to do.

Offers All to Aid Banker

Still another interesting incident occurred yesterday. A gentleman well-known throughout the county called at the offices of Captain Siemens and stated that he had been away for three months and had returned but the night before. Learning for the first time that Captain Siemens was in difficulty he came to offer what assistance he could. "Tell the Captain," he said, after learning the banker was out of the city, "that I have \$25,000 worth of property that he can mortgage to the limit to raise money to help him out and that whatever cash I have on hand is his if he needs it." It was this same man who played Santa Claus through the Herald last Christmas when he gave a sleigh to the child writing the best letter to Santa Claus.

It is this spirit that has broken down the hesitancy to talk following the suspension of the bank, so that today it is unnecessary to go out seeking for information—it is voluntarily coming into the office of Captain Siemens. Hardly an hour passes that information is not brought in or telephoned bearing upon matters of vital interest to the bank, and out of this fund of collected data is to grow the action indicated above and that is sure to have such far reaching effect.

HIGHWAY COMMISSION REFUSES TO CHANGE FT. KLAMATH ROUTE COURT AGREES TO COMPROMISE

PORTLAND, March 9.—Contracts for paving, grading and bridge construction aggregating one million dollars are being awarded today by the highway commission.

Owing to the number of new projects presented the commission expects to make a personal inspection of eastern and central Oregon and the Willamette valley.

Klamath county, failing to have the original survey of The Dalles-California highway accepted made a compromise. The original survey in the Wood river section was ten miles and would cost \$122,500 whereas the new location is 6.6 miles and will cost \$76,350. The county participates 25 per cent in the project, the government 25 per

cent and the state 50 per cent.

The county court asked that if the new location is adopted, which it was, that a tap road be built from The Dalles-California highway to Fort Klamath, and this the commission agreed to.

On this spur the county offers a fifty-fifty basis and after the money now being used for the project on the new location is exhausted the county offered a fifty-fifty basis with the state there, being no more federal money available until the highway is carried over Sand Creek. The tap road will run from the abandoned military post of Fort Klamath to the town of Fort Klamath and will then extend to the forest reserve, connecting with the Crater Lake highway.

REVENUE MAN FREED

FROM KILLING CHARGE
PORTLAND, March 9.—J. J. Biggin, federal officer, tried in connection with the death of Robt. Hedderly was acquitted today. Instructions for acquittal were read by Federal Judge Bean.

very little helpful discussion, it appearing to be a matter no one cared to discuss. County Assessor W. T. Lee referred the meeting to the sheriff when called upon to make a statement regarding the deallock. Attorney C. F. Stone, however, was more willing to talk, and outlined the legal status as it exists. Finally it was suggested that a committee be appointed to confer with the county court with a view to devising a harmonious way out of the difficulty. The meeting was well attended.

PRESIDENT URGES NEED

OF COLOMBIAN TREATY
WASHINGTON, March 9.—Ratification of the long pending treaty with the Republic of Colombia was urged by President Harding in his first formal message to the senate today. Immediately upon receipt of the message the senate went into executive session.

ANOTHER LECTURE BY FATHER MOLLOY TONIGHT

Rev. Father Molloy will continue his talks this evening at Sacred Heart church, the subject being the fundamentals of religion. The chief subject tonight will be a continuation of that of last Sunday evening, when he took up the question of the origin and interpretation of the bible. The services begin at 7:30.

Occupation of Three German Towns Takes Place Peacefully

DUSSELDORF, March 9.—Although seven thousand French, British and Belgian troops are occupying Dusseldorf, Drulsberg and Ruhrort, the people of those cities are proceeding about their usual affairs.

The effort of agitators to cause a general strike in protest against the allied action failed, although the temper of laborers in the Essen district is such that the agitation may develop a menacing situation.

WEATHER REPORT

OREGON—Tonight and Thursday, generally fair.

ALL LUMBER TO TAKE NEW RAIL AND WATER RATE

Klamath Falls will take the same freight rate under the new Southern Pacific lumber tariffs as California points, and the 73 cent a hundred mixed rail and water rate, via Galveston, to New York, will apply to all lumber, and not to doors and mouldings alone. This was announced today by M. A. Callaghan, head of the chamber of commerce traffic department, following notification from G. W. Luce, Southern Pacific traffic manager.

The former New York rate was 1.06 1/2 cents. The new rate applies to New York piers. Distribution of shipments from New York will mean added freight cost.

Until the new tariff schedule is received it will not be known what reduction is made on shooks rates, but it is assumed provision will be made for box manufacturers.

Irish Songs By Local Soloists Are Program Features

Miss Alice McCourt, chairman of the St. Patrick's Day program to be given at the White Pelican hotel, Thursday evening, March 17, announces that one of the many features will be Irish song numbers by three well known local vocalists, Charles Wood Eberlein, Mrs. A. J. Bustamante, and Mrs. Bamberry. All will appear in solo numbers.

FORMER RESIDENT, NOW ARCHITECT BACK TO STAY

Charles N. Cosboom, formerly of this city, who will be remembered by many of his friends who attended the Klamath county high school with him, arrived last night from Denver, Colorado, after several years' absence. Mr. Cosboom, who will open offices here, is an architect and for the past three years has been specializing in bank building fixtures and furnishings. He just completed the architectural work of the new \$350,000 bank building in Casper, Wyoming. He will also be remembered as installing the interior furnishings and fixtures in the famous Administration building at the University of Oregon.

Mr. Cosboom is very much pleased with the change, advancement and growth of Klamath Falls.

Personal Mention

Friends of Nola Deal will be pleased to hear that she is convalescing rapidly from her recent operation, and will soon be able to resume her school work.

The new state song, "Oregon, Pride of the West," written by Frank B. Robinson and Fred Fleet, local residents, is just off of the press in Chicago and will be on sale here in about a week.

C. V. Holmes merchant of Malin is in the city today. Mr. Holmes has purchased a new Chevrolet truck, which he will use in trucking his supplies and freight from this city to Malin.

J. A. Maddox, who has been in San Francisco for the past week for the purpose of disposing of the sale this year, returned last evening of his sheep that he had for

SPEAKERS SEE GOOD OUTLOOK FOR BUSINESS

Brighter business conditions were predicted by speakers at the forum luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce today. Among other indications of speedy resumption of business was the announcement of Secretary Stanley that he was authorized by H. D. Mortensen, who is out of town, that the Pelican \$1.7 mill would resume operations soon with a double shift of men.

Jack Slater of the Lakeside Lumber company reported that a recent trip to Portland had convinced him that prospects for the lumber business are good. Sufficient building is under way in Portland to clear the yards of lumber in a few weeks. Reduction of freight rates to a point where western sawyers can compete with the southern pine producers is likely, and the lumber outlook is generally good.

J. T. Ward, just back from Idaho and southern California, said that he found business looking up elsewhere. Labor and material costs are down to a point where economical building is possible. Klamath's Chamber of Commerce is rated as "a live one" in southern California, he said. The Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce is fast making Los Angeles the leading city of the coast, he said, and the local chamber if it continues as it has begun can make Klamath Falls grow proportionately.

Dr. Mallett pleased the gathering with a vocal solo, "Out Where the West Begins."

President Hall told of plans for a membership drive, under direction of the American City Bureau, starting March 28. The bureau will put on an intensive eight weeks' campaign. The membership fee will be raised to \$25 and it is hoped to get a thousand members.

HIGH SCHOOL DEBATE FRIDAY

The question, "Resolved that the interests of labor would best be conserved and developed through the organization and support of a labor party," will be debated Friday night at Lakeview and Klamath Falls high schools by teams representing the schools in the state debating league.

The negative side of each school is the traveling team, Klamath's teams are: Paul Keller and Norma Adams, negative; Victor Kor and Frances Henzik, affirmative. Lakeview's teams: Lorraine Hammersley and Shelby Bailey, negative; Gladys Snyder and Iva Yardy, affirmative.

The local debate, Friday evening, will be judged by Mayor Wiley, H. M. Manning and E. B. Hall. The Klamath Falls debaters have worked hard in preparing a difficult subject and hope that the public will patronize the debate. The receipts pay the expenses of the traveling team. The winner in this district will take part in state debate at Eugene.

Phone Rate Increases Starts Movement to Recall Commission

SALEM, March 9.—Articles of incorporation of the Portland committee for the recall of the public service commission were delivered to the commissioner of corporations today. They will be referred to the attorney general before filing.

The move was started by Robert S. S. Duncan, following a telephone rate increase.

CHEVROLET AGENT HERE

M. D. Douglas, state representative for the Chevrolet car, made a brief visit to the city for the purpose of looking over local conditions for his firm. He found business prospects brighter than he expected and says he will look for big things from this part of the state.