

CONTRACT FOR C. OF C. DRIVE IS EXPLICIT

Interest in the proposed re-organization of the Chamber of Commerce, which is to be conducted by the American City Bureau, is to a great extent centered in the terms of the contract entered into by the board of directors and the Bureau. The contract is simple in form and plain in terms. It provides for the services of the Bureau for a term of three years. These services, in the main are:

The Bureau will send here three men who will remain for four weeks preparing the ground for the drive for membership. This preparation consists of publicity work in the way of articles in the newspapers, circular letters, appointment of committees and suggestions as to the amount of money to be contributed to a budget fund, the nature of which is explained below. At the end of the fourth week the work of securing the members will be undertaken, this canvassing to be done by members of the Chamber, directed by the representatives of the Bureau. The membership fee has been raised from \$10 to \$25. If anyone feels that \$25 is more than he can afford, he may contribute a lesser amount, but to have a voice in the affairs of the organization it is necessary to take a full membership, which will, of course, cost \$25.

At the time of the drive the membership pledge covers a period of three years. In other words the applicant agrees to pay to the Chamber \$25 in three annual installments of \$25 each. This agreement becomes null and void in case of death or the member moves away from the county.

After the drive for membership, then the Bureau will replace the three representatives with an organizer, whose work will be to properly conduct the work of correctly organizing the Chamber. This includes the selection of the board of directors, election of officers, allotment of the budget and membership funds, etc.

For the balance of the three years the chamber will have the advice and suggestion of the Bureau at its disposal, as well as the Research department, located in New York city.

The budget fund will consist of contributions from those who do not feel able to pay the \$25 membership fee and those who will pay more. It is expected that the minimum contributions this year will amount to \$7000 for the budget and \$10,000 for the membership fund.

For this service the Bureau will be paid 25% of the membership fee for the first year and 10% for each of the two succeeding years. In addition it will be paid 20% of the budget fund.

C. of C. Membership Committees Start

The first of a number of committee meetings were held today in connection with the expansion and reorganization campaign of the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce. The organizing committee, headed by J. A. Gordon, and assisted by C. F. Stone, Arthur Wilson, A. L. Wishard, R. E. Smith, R. E. Dewese, K. Sugarman and M. A. Callaghan commenced the task of going through the list of prospective members, arranged in card index form, to make certain that all are at present residents of Klamath county. It is expected that fully 3,000 names will be on this list which is now in course of compilation by a staff of four typists.

The speakers committee and the arrangements committee are scheduled to meet at headquarters this afternoon.

The plan for canvassing the city and county for memberships and service fund subscriptions during the week of April 18, provides for districting the city and county. Klamath falls will be divided into four districts. The county will also be districted. Each of the city districts will be assigned to a division major who will be in charge of five men captains and one woman captain, and these captains will direct a team of

Colleague Slays Dean Of Syracuse College, Then Commits Suicide

SYRACUSE, N. Y. Apr. 2.—Herbert Wharton, Dean of the college of business administration at Syracuse University, was shot and killed by Holmes Beckwith, professor of financial and insurance subjects, in the college today. Beckwith then turned the gun on himself and committed suicide.

Chancellor Day said he believed Wharton died trying to prevent Beckwith from committing suicide, as Beckwith had been ordered dismissed at the end of the year and was unpopular with the students.

Big Timber Owners Join Beetle War

Lumbermen are already gathering in force for the meetings to be held here on Monday and Tuesday, at which a campaign against the destructive pine beetle will be inaugurated. Monday, the party will go to the old Devereaux tract on the Ft. Klamath road, where destroyed timber will be inspected, and information to be used as a foundation for their campaign will be secured. George L. Long, of the Weyerhaeuser company, E. H. Cox, of the Long Bell Lumber company, William Wheeler of the Roper-Wheeler company, and other representatives of big timber companies, will be here Monday night, the timbermen will banquet at the chamber of commerce rooms.

SCANDINAVIAN DANCE THURSDAY WAS SUCCESS

The Scandinavian Society Odin, with a number of their friends, enjoyed a dance and a luncheon in the Scandinavian hall Thursday night. A real old-fashioned time predominated, and every guest has strengthened his opinion that the people of this society are first-class entertainers.

NO TRACE OF TEN MISSING PERSONS FOUND

SEATTLE, April 2.—The waters around Point Wilson were searched today for traces of the ten persons who are missing from the steamer Governor, which sank yesterday morning. An official inquiry is in progress.

BOLSHEVIKS BLOCKED BY JAPS

TOKIO, April 2.—Anti bolsheviks yesterday attempted to seize Vladivostok, but failed after the Japanese garrison ordered the belligerents to cease fighting, says an official report.

TWENTY COMMUNISTS KILLED

BERLIN, April 2.—Twenty of a party of 500 communists were killed, and 50 wounded today by police in suppressing an outbreak near Halle.

SIMPLE SERVICES FOR JOHN BURROUGHS

WEST PARK, N. Y., April 2.—Simple funeral services were held today for John Burroughs, the famous naturalist. Henry Ford, Thomas Edison, and other friends attended. Passages from scripture, and from Wordsworth, Emerson, and Whitman were read.

W. R. C. MEETING

The Women's Relief Corps will meet Monday afternoon at 2:30 in the west hall of the Odd Fellows' building. All members are requested to be present.

at least four workers. The four division majors are: W. E. Seehorn, R. C. Grossbeck, A. M. Collier and Fred A. Baker. The majors met at the Rex cafe at luncheon today and went over the plan for their work with Director L. W. Depuy.

Monday the campaign publicity committee will meet to map out the work of an intensive publicity program.

A meeting of the women is to be held at headquarters Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock to hear a talk by Mr. Depuy. A call for this meeting is being sent out by Mrs. E. S. Henry, president of the Women's Auxiliary of the Chamber of Commerce.

A thought survey of the students of the High school will be conducted Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock by Mr. Depuy assisted by Principal R. E. Goetz.

Klamath Should Try to Reopen Rate Case Says Interstate Commerce Commission Head

E. B. Hall, president of the Klamath county Chamber of Commerce, has received a message from Clyde B. Aitchison, of the interstate commerce commission, in connection with local freight rates, advising Klamath to ask a reopening of the case.

Definite action on the matter waits the results of the visit of G. W. Luce, general traffic manager of the Southern Pacific, who has promised to be here Monday to talk with local shippers.

The interstate commerce commissioner's telegram, dated at Washington, April 1, reads:

Reason Klamath County Chamber of Commerce was not served with notice of hearing was that it was not party to proceedings before Commission. Klamath County Complaint was brought by Klamath Commercial Club and Business Men's Association and notice of hearing was sent by registered mail Bishop and Bahler, attorneys of record, for complainants, San Francisco, December eleven. If complainants through any accident did not receive notice or were not given opportunity for hearing suggest a showing be made supporting motion to reopen case which should be served upon Southern Pacific Company, also Portland Traffic and Transportation Association Portland, Oregon; Railroad Commission of California, San Francisco; Medford Commercial Club, Medford, Oregon; and San Francisco Chamber of Commerce San Francisco, or their attorneys of record. Please understand that in these formal proceedings before us we can recognize only parties of record.

In the Herald's understanding all of the foregoing is mere admission that the Chamber of Commerce made a serious omission when it overlooked the Portland hearing and that the community must wait six months or a year to get a further hearing, if the plea for a reopening is made and granted.

In effect, M. A. Callaghan, manager of the Chamber of Commerce traffic department, stated that testimony was in, rates submitted to the interstate commerce commission's ruling, and Klamath's only remedy, if dissatisfied, was to call for a rehearing and all its attendant red tape. The telegram from Mr. Aitchison merely confirms Mr. Callaghan.

In overlooking the Portland rate hearing, Klamath county shippers are placed in a position where they must accept for the time being, at least, such voluntary rate reduction as is offered. A representative at the Portland hearing would have meant readjustment of rates based on Klamath's rightful demands. The chances are that a showing could have been made that would result in a larger reduction than is voluntarily proposed.

Whether or not there would have been a favorable difference, it appears clear there was an oversight.

MUSICIANS DANCE WAS A SPLENDID SUCCESS

The musicians dance, held in the Scandinavian hall last night, was a big success. The two orchestras in attendance kept the big crowd in motion, and every dancer enjoyed the novelty with zest.

STARTING PAVILION

Lumber for the open air dancing pavilion which will be conducted by Bert McDonald on the Johnson property on Klamath Avenue between Seventh and Eighth streets, is now being hauled to the site, and work on it will be started the first of next week. Dances will be given at least twice a week.

TURKS PURSUE GREEKS

PARIS, April 2.—Greek forces were driven from Eskishehr by a Turkish counter attack early this week, and are retiring says a Constantinople dispatch. The Turkish cavalry is said to be pursuing the Greeks.

The Chamber of Commerce places the responsibility upon the old commercial club and the business men's association the first defunct and its membership merged into the present Chamber for Commerce; the second hardly functioning, and since absorbed by the Chamber of Commerce as the merchants bureau.

Bishop and Bahler, San Francisco rate attorneys retained by the business men's association, state that they notified the commercial club of the hearing and asked to be instructed whether or not to attend. They asked \$250 expense money.

The hearing was on January 18 at Portland. The Bishop & Bahler program was sent on January 14. On its receipt, says Secretary Stanley, of the Chamber of Commerce, a meeting of the association was called in the Chamber of Commerce rooms and the matter discussed. There was difficulty in recalling who Bishop & Bahler were. When their claim of \$800 for prior services came up. It was decided that their services so far had brought no result and the meeting turned down their offer, and its attached demand for \$250 expense fund.

There was no clear understanding of the matter, said Mr. Stanley, and the business men's association took the guiding hand. The Chamber of Commerce made no effort to take up the matter further. This was due, said Mr. Stanley, to lack of information and because organization was in the transitory stage. The Chamber of Commerce organization was not complete, a program had not been mapped out and the organization was then considering the formation of a traffic department to handle railway service problems.

The Herald cannot but believe that as the active, functioning civic organization of the community, the Chamber of Commerce, as successor of the commercial club, should have taken action of its own initiative. Bishop and Bahler claim there was, and is, owing them \$800 for services to the old commercial club and there appears to have been a desire to have no further dealings with the allegedly high-priced firm, but why not have retained a local attorney? It may be true such a representative would have been poorly prepared at such short notice to have argued Klamath's case, but Klamath at least would have had a champion.

In the matter of credentials, it might be argued that the commercial club was non-existent and the Chamber of Commerce was not a party of record to the complaint. But the business men's association was still alive, and it would appear that an arrangement between the association and the chamber would have been possible, by which a representative's expenses could have been provided, inasmuch as in this freight rate hearing county of Klamath had many thousands of dollars at stake.

EUGENE GARAGE BURNS; LOSS SET AT \$50,000

EUGENE, April 2.—Thirty-five automobiles and one airplane were destroyed in a garage fire here early today. The loss is \$50,000. Several families on the upper floor had narrow escapes.

FIRE DESTROYS MANY HOMES IN MANILLA

MANILLA, April 2.—Fire destroyed 3000 homes, making 15,000 people homeless in the native quarter, yesterday. The loss is estimated at \$3,000,000. American sailors cheered as they marched into the burning district to fight the flames.

CHARLES WILL GO BACK TO SWITZERLAND

PARIS, April 2.—Ex-Empress Charles, blocked in an effort to regain the Hungarian throne, will be escorted back to Switzerland by allied officers, the French foreign office advises.

Construction Closes Old Fort Klamath Road After Monday

Starting Monday, and while construction of the new highway is under way, the Fort Klamath road will be closed between Bartlett Springs and Lamma mill, it was announced today by the Klamath county automobile association.

This means that to reach Fort Klamath from Klamath Falls travelers must take the west side of the lake road, or must go via Dairy and Chiloquin. The west side route is 13 miles longer than the road to be closed, 54 against 41 miles. The Dairy-Chiloquin route is longer.

The new highway grade goes on a higher level than the old road at Modoc point, and grading operations above will block the old highway. The new road is expected to be open about July 1.

There is talk of operating a ferry from Bartlett Springs to Lamma's mill to bridge the gap during construction.

Well-Known Ladies Starting New Firm

Miss Clara B. Calkins and Miss Mollie S. Donelson, both well known young ladies, have opened an insurance agency. The firm will be known as the Calkins-Donelson Insurance Agency, and will have an office in the Winters' building as soon as it is fitted up. Temporarily the office is located in the First State and Savings bank.

Both members of the firm have had several years' experience in the insurance business, and with the element of personal popularity in their favor should make a success of the business venture.

FARMERS BUSY; WOULD BE EXCUSED FROM JURY

H. Nylander, one of the up-and-coming farmers living between here and Merrill, was in town this morning on business, and took occasion to look up Judge Kuykendall with a view to getting excused from jury duty during the term which begins next Monday. Mr. Nylander is now in the midst of his spring plowing, and like the rest of his farmer neighbors finds it hard to give his attention to anything else at this time. He was one of the Ingersoll jury, and also set in other cases, and feels that some indulgence might be shown to him this time. He will plant about 40 acres of grain, but hay will be his biggest crop. Seeding should begin about the 25th of this month, says Mr. Nylander.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY WILL MOVE TO NEW COURTHOUSE

District Attorney C. C. Brower's new offices on the second floor of the new Main street court house are being given a coat of paint of light colored tint, and new linoleum is being laid upon the floors. Mr. Brower will probably occupy the rooms by the time the grand jury meets next week, and the new quarters, clean, light, and sanitary will facilitate his work to an appreciable extent.

Defunct Bank Head Will Plead Guilty

MEDFORD, April 2.—W. H. Johnson, former head of the Jacksonville bank, indicted following the wreck of that institution, will plead guilty as soon as he recovers from an attack of influenza, his attorney announced today. He said Johnson had grown weary of strife. Johnson has been the state's chief witness in the bank cases.

Weather Probabilities

The barometric pressure, as recorded by the Cyclo-Stormograph at Underwood's Pharmacy, continues the downward movement, mentioned yesterday in our report. However the fall has been very slow, and while a change will follow if the downward course continues, we may have a pleasant day tomorrow. Forecast for next 24 hours:—Cloudy—continued warm, followed by unsettled weather.

WEATHER REPORT

OREGON—Sunday, fair; colder in the interior; light to heavy frost in the morning.

DEVELOPMENT STANDARD OIL COMPANY'S AIM

Adhering closely to the policy of the Standard Oil company the country over, the local standard oil sub-station here, under the energetic supervision of G. A. Halliwell, is numbered among the business agencies that are helping to keep this county, or in a larger sense, this district, in the van of the march of progress that is fast making the people of the nation turn from the belief that the east is paramount in all things that are worth while, and to believe that the west is best. In other words, the Standard Oil company's policy is a policy of advancement wherever it does business, and the iron bound instructions issued to its agents and managers is that "while in Rome, they shall do what the Romans do." Thus it is that G. A. Halliwell, special agent of the Standard Oil company here, is working in harmony with the interests that are seeking to advance the prosperity of this section, and he can always be found willing to lend a helping hand whenever co-operation is needed, and this sub-station has really come to be looked upon as a local institution, regardless of its affiliated interests throughout the length and breadth of the nation.

Prior to 1913, this sub-station was managed on a commission basis, Cud Daggett, Fred Shallock, and others making splendid records in managerial capacities. Gradually local business increased, and it became advisable to establish a special agent here, and J. E. Hoskins, now proprietor of the Variety store, was appointed. The automobile business continued to grow, trucks and tractors became more numerous, other businesses employing engines sprang up, and of course the business of the local station grew with them. Last year, the plant, already out of the infant class, was completely overhauled and remodeled. Four large storage tanks holding refined products receive carload after carload of Pearl and Red Crown oil from the mammoth refinery at Richmond, California. Engine distillate, not available since the beginning of the war, will soon be at the disposal of the public here in any quantity desired. Zerolene oils and greases, for tractors and trucks, Calol oil, the steam lubricant for mills and factories, are always in store in the local warehouse. These are the products that the Standard Oil company tells the word are the very best, and there is an unusually big stock on hand here now. W. L. Wright, who chaperoned the Herald man on a trip of inspection yesterday, avers that it is necessary to keep a large stock, as this station serves an immense territory, from Crater lake on the north, to Dorris on the south, from Worden on the west, to Bly on the east. At that, said Mr. Wright, the big stock on hand will not last long, and more products, covering the whole line, will be received soon. Fact, is, there is always one consignment coming, while the prior one is going.

An office and garage are among the latest acquisitions to the plant. Right now a competent gardener is busy tearing up about ten feet of gravel along the fence near the office, and is planting that space to Shasta daisies, the official flower of the city of Klamath Falls. This is just another illustration of the way the company works in harmony with local efforts—it is not much to be sure, but it's a splendid illustration of the spirit the company and its employes possess. The company demands that everything connected with the station shall be "kept up." That means, washing, painting, beautifying, and in general making an endeavor to make the stations things of beauty, and possibly, "joys forever." Thoughts of beauty must have been in the mind of Miss Bernardine Hannon, the company's very efficient clerk, when she insisted, during the recent remodeling period, that window boxes for flowers should be built into the office building, even

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