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SAFE BLOWERS SCORE AGAIN

RAIL GRANT ISSUE AT HEIGHT

Question of Mayor's Veto Power Brings About New Developments

A silence that could not be broken prevailed officialdom of the city of Klamath Falls, following the challenge believed issued by the O. C. & E. that the mayor could not veto the resolution granting to the Southern railroad an exclusive grant to cross Sixth street.

Mayor F. R. Goddard left early this morning for Medford, without disclosing the cause of his visit to the Rogue River valley country.

City Attorney J. H. Carnahan persisted silence, when questioned as to the veto power of the mayor on a franchise resolution.

"Yes, I have my opinions," he admitted. "But inasmuch as the mayor has not made any definite statement that he would veto the resolution, I hardly feel at liberty to make any statement in connection with the matter."

Can't Veto

The stand said to be of the O. C. & E. is that the mayor can only veto a resolution which would include the expenditure of money. The Strahorn interests cite passages of the city charter which they claim serve to settle the question.

Prevailing reports on the street yesterday had it that the Mayor was going to veto the resolution. His stand on the question of the franchise has been that he could see no logical reason why a common user should not be included in the grant.

The general consensus of opinion among business men and in railroad circles is that there is something behind the beyond in the fight over the Sixth street railroad crossing.

Why?

The question has been asked, why is Strahorn so anxious to get the franchise without a common user? What difference would it make in a crossing just across Sixth street and no farther? Why did he tell councilmen that unless he could have the franchise exclusively, he did not want it at all?

When Judge Charles H. Carey, representing the northern lines, was in Klamath Falls, he said that it was not the intention of the Hill lines to bottle up Strahorn or to make Strahorn's way hard in Klamath Falls, but to protect their own interest in coming to Klamath Falls.

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Anness Is Convicted By Jurors

(Special to The Herald)
PORTLAND, Ore., April 16.—Alfred A. Anness was convicted of a violation of the Mann white slave act in federal court here this afternoon. The jury deliberated but a few minutes after concluding arguments were finished.

Federal Judge Bean then sentenced the convicted man to five years in federal prison.

Anness was represented by W. P. Myers, acting district attorney of Klamath county.

BIDS EXCEED AMOUNT GIVEN SCHOOL BOARD

Four Proposals Held Up Pending Conference On Building Changes

Although not rejected, four bids for the construction of the new Central school were held by the city school board, pending a conference with the board at which alteration of certain construction phases will be discussed with a view of lowering bids to a figure commensurate with the sum available for the new school.

The lowest bid submitted was approximately \$49,000 over the amount which the board may spend on the new school.

John Almeter made the lowest blanket bid, on actual construction, with an offer of \$139,260. The next lowest bid was by the Campbell Construction company as follows: Actual construction bid, \$139,700; combination bid, including actual construction, heating, lighting and plumbing, \$179,508.

Two other bids for the construction work were submitted, one by Coker Brothers of Klamath Falls of \$167,633 and the other by W. D. Miller Construction company of \$159,195.

Lorenz Plumbing company submitted the lowest bid on the plumbing with an offer of \$6567. The same firm offered the lowest figure for heating, \$16,844.85.

Two Telegrams

Refusing to believe that a railroad would consider giving up plans for important extensions simply because it had met with a temporary setback, The Evening Herald yesterday telegraphed W. F. Turner, president of the Oregon Trunk, for a true statement of his position in reference to his position in reference to the action of the city council in granting an exclusive franchise across Sixth street to the Strahorn railroad.

In order that the Klamath public might be apprised of the true facts of the controversy the two telegrams are herewith given:

"W. F. Turner, President,
Oregon Trunk, Portland.

"United Press quotes you as saying your line would not come to Klamath Falls if not wanted, and that you considered action on Strahorn franchise rebuff to Hill lines. Will you please wire us statement of your views.

"Signed: THE EVENING HERALD."

HERE IS THE ANSWER

"Evening Herald, Klamath Falls.

"No such statement as quoted in your wire has been made by me. Our position regarding Strahorn franchise was clearly stated to city council. We are still of the opinion that no action should be taken that might make it difficult for any railroad to gain access to Klamath Falls. On the contrary, it would seem highly advantageous from the city's standpoint to make it possible for northern lines to enter.

"Signed: W. F. TURNER."

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

The time for soft talk has passed, so far as the railroad situation in Klamath Falls is concerned. The hour has arrived when those who are for a bigger and better Klamath Falls must line up on one side; those who are for the interests of the Southern Pacific, its allied interests and their own selfish aggrandizement on the other. The question of division rests on whether the resolution adopted last Monday night by the city council, granting to the Strahorn line the right to cross Sixth street, without incorporating therein the common user provision, shall go into effect or not.

The local newspaper mouthpiece for the private interests that seek to bottle up and throttle the development of this city, responding to the command of its masters, states that the mayor has no right to veto such a resolution. That may be good corporation law, but it is poor people's law, and this time the people are going to rule; they are going to have something to say whether Klamath Falls is going to be closed to the Hill lines; whether it is going to be a pawn in the hands of one railroad, or a factor in the hands of several.

So successful has this move been that the statement is being bruited about the city today that application is again to be made for the right to extend out into Mills addition and up Link river, and that this request is also to be granted. If such a thing were done, it would be impossible for another road to enter this city.

This is not a one man's job—it is something in which every resident of the city should interest himself. The future of Klamath Falls now rests in the balance. Grant this, or similar, privileges to the Strahorn line and the one chance of making a big city here is gone. You will certainly lose the Shevlin-Hixon mill. You will probably lose the Weyerhaeuser plant. You will never secure any large operations in the city or territory, for no big mill is going to submit itself to a one-railroad handicap. The Shevlin-Hixon plant at Bend will be enlarged and the stumpage recently purchased in the northern part of this county will be manufactured there. The situation is this:

If you want to lose the Hill lines; if you want to lose Shevlin-Hixon; if you want to lose every big operation, let Strahorn bottle this city up in the interests of the Southern Pacific and you will lose them. If you don't then open your mouth and say something. Let your councilmen know that they can't barter away this city; let your mayor know you want him to veto that resolution, and let your councilmen know that they must not undertake to pass it over his veto. Let them know that Klamath Falls must—and shall—stand wide open for all railroads.

Death-Bed Pledge To Be Kept

A death-bed promise given his dying wife two years ago is to be kept this week by Benjamin H. Wood of Ontario, Calif. Mr. Wood is on his way east to South Royalton, Mass., where he will marry Mrs. Nellie Holden, a childhood friend of his dead wife.

The couple plan to be quietly married and will then return to Ontario, where Mr. Wood is engaged in the hotel business.

Mrs. Mary Louise Wood died in Klamath Falls two years ago. She was the sister of J. A. Uerlings of 704 California avenue. Her death here followed a long illness.

Mrs. Wood's last wish was that her husband marry her childhood chum.

UNIVERSITY WOMEN WILL GIVE DINNER NEXT MONDAY NIGHT

The American Association of University Women will give a dinner at 6:30 on Monday, April 20 at the White Pelican Hotel. The object of the dinner is to give the university women of Klamath Falls an opportunity to become acquainted with one another. The committee in charge has attempted to communicate with all women who are known to be eligible to the A. A. U. W. but all women who have attended college for 2 years or more are invited to attend. Reservations must be made with Mrs. G. A. Krause by Monday noon.

The committee in charge of the banquet include Mrs. Krause, general chairman; Mrs. Charles W. Eberlein, music; Miss LeLaine West, decorations; Mrs. E. L. Cramblitt, program; and Mrs. R. A. Austin, publicity.

"WINEMA" IS DESTROYED

Fire early this afternoon claimed the old stern-wheel lake boat "Winema," landmark of Klamath county and in recent years used as a dwelling on the south shore of upper Klamath lake at Shippington. The old boat took with it the warehouse and dock used by Arthur Leavitt, whose boat carries mail to Rocky Point, Eagle Ridge and Recreation. The large mail boat was barely saved by the presence of mind of Shippington residents.

A few minutes before noon flames suddenly burst through the windows of the old boat and in a few minutes the entire boat was a mass of flames. The fire department was called but despite their quick response the boat was deemed before their arrival.

By 2 p. m. nothing but smoldering embers were left of the stern-wheeler.

The building was occupied by Steven Mead. He was the only person in the boat when the fire was discovered. Nothing was recovered, so quickly did the blaze spread. In addition to the dock and warehouse, a number of small row boats owned by Shippington residents were destroyed by the flames.

Big Basin Lumber Co. Victim of Yeggs, Who Obtain but Small Sum

Approximately \$30 Obtained by Cracksmen Who Do Expert Job During Early Morning Hours --- Officials Completely Without Clues to Crime

Safe blowers scored again for the fourth time in Klamath Falls early this morning when they blew open the safe in the office of the Big Basin Lumber company and obtained approximately \$30 in cash. Of this amount, \$20 was in 50-cent pieces. They also got a roll of pennies and scattering small amounts of silver.

Checks and other papers were either left in the strong box or strewn about the office floor.

The crime was discovered by Edward McLaughlin, office assistant, when he arrived at the office this morning. He immediately notified the police and sheriff's office.

The yeggs, however, are supposed to have used rubber gloves, as there were no finger prints or other incriminating evidence about the safe or office.

Clue Is Stopped

The crime is believed to have been committed at about 4 o'clock this morning. The office clock had stopped at 4:15. It is believed that the shock of the explosion at that hour caused the timepiece to stop. A smaller safe in the office, which had been left unlocked, also was opened by the cracksmen but the contents were not disturbed when it was learned the safe contained nothing but office records.

Entrance to the office was gained by jimmying open a side window, according to William Lodge, manager of the company.

Their Fourth Job

This makes the fourth safe-blowing in Klamath Falls within the past 10 days, and the workmanship indicates that all jobs were accomplished by the same gang of yeggs, according to the officers.

Other safes which have fallen victims to the craftsmanship of the "petermen" are those of the Superior Laundry, White Pelican Iron Works and the Klamath Iron and Steel Works.

On the night that the White Pelican Iron Works safe was cracked blowers attempted to break into the Big Basin office, and it is believed they are the same crowd who returned early today to complete the job.

ARRIVES AT NIGERIA

LORIN, Nigeria, April 16.—The Prince of Wales arrived here this morning and was given a rousing reception and welcome.

Tornado Hits Condon; Property Loss Heavy

CONDON, Ore., April 16.—Damage estimated between \$8000 and \$10,000 was caused by a tornado which struck Condon and surrounding country late yesterday. The storm swept in from the southwest and after damaging buildings in the southwestern part of town jumped to the northeastern section, where further damage was done.

Two high school students, Art Morgan and Thomas Westcott, were cut by flying glass when the roof of the school house was torn off by the storm.

The county machine shop and the warehouse of the Arlington Lumber company were wrecked, the combined loss to these two plants amounting to about \$6000.

A dozen barns and garages in Condon were destroyed and many such buildings were wrecked in the country nearby. Fragments of a bar dropped on the roof of the Congregational parsonage, knocking it in. Many windows in town were broken.

White Slave Case to End This Afternoon

PORTLAND, Ore., April 16.—Alfred A. Anness of Klamath Falls, on trial in Judge Bean's court, for alleged violation of the Mann act, did not take the stand in his own behalf. The case will go to the jury about 3 o'clock today. Assistant U. S. Attorney Bynon will make the closing argument.

Delsie Burton, 13, the complaining witness, was recalled to the witness stand this morning for continued

The child broke down today and cried a greater part of the morning. The witnesses against Anness were Mrs. Myrtle Deniff, the girl's mother; Mrs. Clara Upton, Mrs. Ruth Broadland, Delsie Burton, Elsie Patton, C. J. Mittauer, C. A. McKennon, Mrs. G. McKennon, Edwin Burton, 16; Floyd Burton, 19 (brothers of the girl); C. C. Brower and C. E. Green.

A large number of witnesses were presented by the government testifying as to Anness' trips about the country with the child, and of the alleged wedding ceremony at Globe, Ariz., when the girl was only 12 years old.