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MERLE WEST RESIGNS COUNCIL

CANDAL IS PRACTICALLY INCIDENT

Kennedy Refuses To Gov't. Petition For Annulment In Sinclair

Wyo., July 6.—The motion to re-open the Teapot Dome naval lease annulment suit, was Federal Judge T. Blake Monday.

Merene and Owen J. Robert, government counsel, had the court for a rehearing, but no evidence was available during the hearing was now and would substantiate the charge of fraud in the negotiation of the Albert B. Fall, former secretary of the interior, to Harry W. Sinclair, oil magnate.

The case dealt with the alleged deal with the oil of \$140,000 worth of oil to Fall by the Sinclair company, Inc., in which was said to be in the court held the evidence obtainable, would be at the time Judge Kennedy dismissed the annulment, in which he ruled the case on Teapot Dome was

Will Wait Pending Inspector's Application In Forest Grove But Council Reluctant

The council at its session received the written application of W. W. Ashby of Forest Grove, for the position of paving inspector in 1925.

Ashby declared in his letter that over a number of years he had qualified him for the position of paving inspector and month and expenses to Forest Grove to Klamath.

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and Mine Owner Try Avert Strike

CITY, N. J., July 6.—A coal conference will be held Thursday for the discussion of the demands of both operators with a view to a strike this summer.

AS FAMED PICKWICK CLUB CAPSES IN BOSTON TENDERLOIN

July 6.—The tragic carnage of the all night Bohemian club, the ill fated, "Pickwick," came to an end Monday when the third dead patron was found in its wreckage.

The demolition of the last victim story brick structure, collapsed on July 4th became a matter of a bitter controversy between the city officials over the responsibility of the disaster and counter-charges were made in an effort to shift the blame.

Vandenberg Is Appointed Local Bonus Attorney

David R. Vandenberg, assistant district attorney for Klamath county, was yesterday appointed attorney for the bonus commission of this county, to succeed J. H. Carnahan, resigned.

The appointment comes from the World War Veterans' State Aid commission at Salem, which comprises Governor Walter M. Pierce, Edward Bailey, George A. White, W. C. Culbertson and Secretary of State Sam A. Koser. Mr. Vandenberg was recommended locally for this position some weeks ago. The work can be handled in conjunction with his other duties as assistant to Acting District Attorney Caleb Jones.

Vandenberg came to Klamath Falls three or four months ago, from Portland, during which time he has, by his pleasing personality, won himself favor in local ex-service men's and legal circles.

Imperative Need Of Zoning Cited

No action on the zoning proposal was taken at the Monday night council meeting, although Councilman Baisiger tentatively opened the subject. The councilman cited the example of a hospital with a coffee house located in the immediate vicinity to illustrate the necessity of zoning.

NEWSPAPER MAN IS HERE PERMANENTLY

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Curran arrived in Klamath Falls Sunday from Lincoln, Nebraska. The couple expect to make their permanent home here, where Mr. Curran yesterday commenced his duties on the editorial staff of the Klamath News. He was formerly with the International News Service in Lincoln and later with the Lincoln Star. Mr. and Mrs. Curran are temporarily making their home in the Evans apartments.

Inefficient System Of House Numbering Here Is Attacked By Roberts

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American Legion To Have Meeting Tonight

A regular meeting of the American Legion will be held tonight at the legion headquarters in the basement of the court house at 8 p. m. Commander Getz requests the presence of every member as there will be important business coming up.

KLAMATH CATTLE MEN FORM LOCAL ASS'N THIS WEEK

Organization May Bring A Raising In Prices For Klamath Cattle On Par With Eastern Market

With the formation of a local cattlemen's association, as the objective, cattlemen of the Klamath territory will meet with representatives of the California Cattlemen's association in the Klamath Falls chamber of commerce rooms, Saturday, July 11, at 2 p. m., according to County Agriculturalist Henderson. The California delegates will outline the association's plan for the better marketing of western cattle with the ultimate view of raising the price of southern Oregon livestock to that of eastern centers.

During the past week, H. M. Rice, secretary of the California Cattlemen's association, spent three days in the county, outlining to various cattlemen, the marketing plan of the association. The plan was so favorably received that over 15,000 head of local cattle, representing approximately 50 per cent of all cattle in the district, were signed up under this plan. Mr. Rice will again be present for the Saturday meeting, as will the manager of the association.

Making Great Headway

Although this organization has been in active operation but three months, it is now marketing over 80 per cent of California's cattle, and in addition, is selling cattle from the neighboring states of Arizona and New Mexico, approximately 1,000,000 head being signed in the association. The purpose of the association is to handle all cattle tributary to the California markets, which include southern Oregon, thereby preventing the flooding of the cattle market at certain times, with a consequent drop in prices. The ultimate plan is to raise the

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Klamath's Bldg. For First Half Of 1925 Is Big

Indicative of the building growth in Klamath Falls for a period of six months from January 1, 1925 to June 30, over the identical period in 1924, building increased very close to 33 1-3 per cent over last year. The grand total for first six months of 1925 reached \$667,095, according to figures just compiled by Police Judge Gaghen. This compares with the same period in 1924 of \$446,779.

In the Strauss monthly reports it is difficult to get an accurate estimate from month to month, as to just how building here is progressing, due to fluctuations per month, but the six months figures give a fairly comprehensive idea.

May figures for building in Oregon, just received by the judge show Klamath Falls to be fourth in building among cities in the state, with a total of \$131,060. Portland, Astoria and Eugene topped the list with small margins. Marshfield, Salem and Medford were far below Klamath Falls.

Five Sharp Quakes In S. B. Yesterday

SANTA BARBARA, Calif., July 6.—(United News)—Five sharp earthquakes rocked Santa Barbara anew Monday afternoon. Quilt settled on each occasion before excited men and women could reach the streets.

Three shocks came between 2 p. m. and 2:10. Two others followed in quick succession at 4:23.

State traffic officers, who had been on patrol duty here, were ordered to Montecito, a suburb, following reports that the town was being over-run with hoboes, driven from Santa Barbara.

A score of these knights of the road have already been put to work cleaning mortar from bricks loosened from ruined buildings.

ROBBERS ESCAPE WITH \$800 FROM MAIN ST. ROOMS

Peerless Cafe Proprietor's Rooms Robbed Of Big Sum In Cash; Authorities Say It's An "Inside" Job

Nearly \$800 in cash and checks were secured by a robber or robbers, who entered the rooms of Elias Alax, proprietor of the Peerless cafe, between the hours of 8 and 11 p. m., Sunday night. Entrance was gained to the Alax rooms, which are located upstairs over the cafe, by climbing a flight of stairs in the rear of the building, and entering through the back door. Mrs. Alax and her two nephews were attending a show at that time, and the robbery was not discovered until their return.

The cafe was open for business at the time, but the robber or robbers created no disturbance. The money was hidden in a closet, and the thieves apparently pried open the door with a sharp instrument.

Room Topsy-Turvy

Everything in the rooms was in disorder. Suit cases had been forced open; drawers pulled out, and their contents thrown upon the floor; mattresses torn off the beds, and every possible hiding place for money or valuables had been investigated by the marauders in their systematic search.

Seven hundred dollars of the loot represented holiday receipts of the Peerless cafe. In addition to the cash money, two children's banks, containing approximately \$25 each, were taken by the robbers, and a purse with \$22, belonging to Mrs. Alax, was stolen from a suit case.

Take Children's Bank

One of the children's banks, issued by the Vancouver National bank, was constructed in the form of a liberty bell, and the other bank, in the form of a book, was issued by the First National bank of Klamath.

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Vets Of Foreign Wars Organizing Chapter In K.F.

Requirements have practically been completed here for the organization of a local chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, an ex-servicemen's organization, following similar lines as the American Legion. Requirements for membership differ from that of the Legion in that those who served only in a foreign country in war time are eligible to join the organization.

Twenty signatures have been obtained which is enough to obtain a charter and according to word received here yesterday the Klamath Falls post had been tentatively accepted by the organization's headquarters.

Membership in the American Legion does not bar a prospective member into the Veterans of Foreign Wars. A meeting is scheduled for tonight at the American Legion headquarters for completion of the organization's plans.

SMALL HOSPITAL WILL BE ERECTED

Construction Of Filling Station On Main And Spring Held Up

Among building permits granted by the city council last evening were the following:

A request by Dr. A. A. Soule for permission to construct a brick and concrete building 44x50 feet, two stories in height, to be used as a twelve-room office treatment and hospital. The structure, to be erected at an approximate cost of \$10,000, will be located on the Williams addition, facing Main street.

An application by the California Oregon Power company, for approval of proposed general improvements in a number of its companies, at an expenditure of \$59,525. Among the projected improvements are \$15,000 worth of repair work upon the Shaw-Bertram; \$7,500 upon the Ewauna dry kilns; \$5,300 for the Ewauna Box company, and \$6,500 for the Shasta View Lumber company.

The petition of A. B. Major and J. D. Patterson for authorization to construct a \$3,000 filling station on the corner of Main and Spring streets was held up until plans and specifications were fully submitted for the council's consideration.

Fireman on Train Shot Dead in Cab

FARIBAULT, Minn., July 6.—Without a shout or indication whence the bullet came, Frank Hudson, a fireman on a Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul train, died in his cab, with a rifle bullet through his head.

The man dropped, wounded as the train was speeding toward Faribault.

Engineer Jerry McGraw, noted that steam was getting low, and turned to speak to the fireman. Hudson was wavering weakly on his feet and fell to the floor plates. When the engineer reached down to him he was dead.

RESIGNATION OF VET COUNCILMAN A BIG SURPRISE

Special City Election May Come In 30 Days; Council Thunderstruck When Brief Message Read, Without An Explanation By West

Consternation mingled with regret last night when, like a bolt from the clear sky, the resignation of Councilman Merle S. West was read to the city council at regular meeting.

No explanation was gleaned from the brief message read by Police Judge Gaghen:

"I hereby tender my resignation as councilman to take effect immediately."

(Signed) "Merle West."

Councilmen were dumbfounded. Silence reigned for fully two minutes. Finally a motion was made by Councilman Cofer that the resignation be accepted. Councilman Stuckey seconded the motion.

Fully another moment of intense silence elapsed. Finally one of the councilmen asked: "What would happen if we did not accept the resignation of West?"

"It is only common courtesy that you should accept," replied Judge Gaghen. "Furthermore, there will have to be a special election to elect another man to replace Mr. West, and should you not accept the resignation, it would be a sort of hang-fire affair. The people would not know whether to vote to put West back into office or just what to do."

Finally the resignation was unanimously accepted.

At his home last night West refused to comment on his resignation. "I am sorry, but that is the only statement I can give at the present time, that embodied in my formal resignation."

City officials stood almost as a unit last night in expressing their regret at losing as valuable a man as West. West was generally conceded to be the best financier in the city council, and a man whose honesty and integrity was never questioned. He was serving his fifth consecutive year on the city governing body when his resignation came last night.

BETTER STREETS IS BISMARCK ST. PLEA

The petition of Bismarck street residents for the laying of a cinder surface on that street, was referred to the street committee by the city council at its meeting last night.

The plea stated the street is used as a main thoroughfare and that during the winter and rainy weather it is impassable to travel.

ASHLAND'S NEW \$250,000 HOTEL LITHIA SPRINGS



Ashland takes a great forward step in progress with the opening of this new hotel—the Lithia Springs—conceded to be the finest in southern Oregon. R. W. Price, its manager, in the formal dedication last week declared: "I have every reason in the world to believe that southern Oregon is sometime, within the near future, to be the playground of the Pacific coast. I am sure that we of southern Oregon have good reason to believe that southern Oregon will develop more rapidly than any other district in the state."

With the coming of the railroads Klamath Falls will not be long in matching if not out-matching a hotel of this beauty and magnificence.

COLORED GEN'MAN ACQUITTED FOR CHASING DANKIE IN SELF-DEFENSE

After spending sixty-two days in the county jail on a charge of assault with intent to kill, Joe Daniels, colored, of Klamath Falls, was acquitted by the trial jury after a half hour of deliberation yesterday afternoon.

Daniels survived a cross-examination by Acting District Attorney Jones with great distinction.

When Jones asked him if he had shot at Harry Brown, another negro, Daniels replied with simple directness:

"Yes, we separated."

Daniels also admitted he had chased Brown, firing a revolver as he pursued him, but explained his war-like conduct by telling the court he shot "in self-defense."

Daniels' gunnery was not so good, and Brown was not injured in the "shooting."