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Lie Bared By Filing Petitions

Foes of Efficiency in City Fight Off Charter Vote

THE POLITICAL GADFLY

The Evening Herald and its mayor revealed themselves yesterday when it became known that on Friday petitions were filed with the city clerk, calling for a referendum on the closing of Walnut street. The petitions called for submission of the matter to the people on November 2.

During the controversy that has arisen when the mayor, at the behest of Ed Murray, sought to block a vote of the people on the new charter, May 21, their one argument has been that the street closing petitions would be filed shortly. And that these matters would be put before the people at a special election in June.

At the same time they were circulating their petitions calling for the street closing to be brought before the people next November at the general election.

In his veto measure by which the mayor sought to block the legal rights of the people, the mayor said:

At the present time two petitions are being circulated calling for a special election to amend the city charter, one relative to vacation of streets. * * * These petitions call for a special election at an early date.

In the same issue of the newspaper in which the veto appeared commending the mayor for his veto, Murray wrote:

Inasmuch as there will be a special election held in June, no advantage will be lost to those who want to change the form of city government if the charter is submitted then.

On Friday, the very day on which the petitions, carrying the November 2 date were filed, a direct statement by the mayor, appeared in the evening paper, as follows:

"At the time in question I knew that there was in preparation refer-

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Drawing It Fine, How Will They Go to Reckon It Up

LOS ANGELES, May 1.—(United Press)—Short dresses and transparent hosiery will be taboo for the girl grads of Los Angeles high schools this year.

Principals of local high schools have decided that each girl graduate must wear a modest frock of arbitrary length. The texture of her hose will also be restricted.

The frocks must not be more than 16 inches from the floor, and there cannot be more than four inches of chest exposed below the neck line. Hose may be of silk, but chiffon will be forbidden.

Each girl will be limited to an expenditure of \$50 for all graduation expenses, including clothes.

A Crisis

Usually The People Can Be Trusted

(An Editorial)

There could be an honest difference of opinion as to the merits of a new charter for Klamath Falls. But the unscrupulous crew who have set themselves in opposition to the new charter have, by their contemptible and hypocritical methods, forewarned all consideration of honesty of intention.

Every hook and crook that men who are utterly devoid of principle and civic conscientiousness could bring into play is now being used to defeat the will of the people, and to prevent a VOTE BY THE PEOPLE. Attorneys are being hired to give judicial opinions, downright lies are being told, all the arts of petty politicians are being invoked—and to what end? Merely that an expression by the people may be prevented. And why?

The answer is that the Murrays, the Goddards and the Powells of this community are at the end of their rope. They fear THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE. They know that they have earned the contempt of the community, and now seek to escape the penalty at the polls. There can be no respect for men who will say a new charter is all right in June, but not in May. Such men create suspicion by such arguments.

And men who will pay for a legal opinion, rather than ask an attorney to test a purely legal question out in the courts also lay themselves open to suspicion. If there is any question as to the legality of procedure it should be presented to the courts. But legal questions have no place here. The wile of politicians who would create issues, then cloud them, a time-worn affliction of Klamath Falls, is now the consideration.

Goddard was elected to be mayor. He has failed to effect, or even to suggest, one constructive project. His every action since he has been in office has been to keep his ear ready for the orders of a man who has formed a life long habit of tearing down, instead of building up; a man who has a fanatical love for arousing the passions of the gullible, and for befuddling them at the polls. There has been doubtful evidence that God gave Goddard any bulging brain, however, so he is to be pitied rather than despised. Even now he is having his own political bones broken and does not know it.

The representative men and women who have placed the commission-manager form of

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Hit Run Driver Leaves Victims on Main Street

Murderous in his acts throughout a hit and run driver knocked down Henry Lander and his wife at Ninth and Main streets last night and left them lying to be picked up by others.

Lander and his wife were immediately removed to a hospital where examination disclosed that Lander had several broken ribs, was cut and bruised about the body, and may have suffered internal injuries. Mrs. Lander was bruised and overcome by the shock, but was not seriously hurt.

Neither of the victims were able to get the number of the car in which the driver sped away without taking the trouble to find out if his victims were alive or dead. Lander has a vague description of the wildly driven machine which bore down upon him and his wife with near fatal results.

The Landers had just come into Klamath Falls from Algoma, where they live.

The car which struck them down disappeared in the direction of Klamath avenue.

Ewauna Box Co. in Fast Moves, Adds New Kilns

Keeping up the steady march of progress the Ewauna Box company last week closed a deal with the Northwest Blower and Kiln company of Portland for nine new dry kilns for the big Klamath Falls plant. Louis K. Porter, local contractor, will have charge of the installation and has already started pouring concrete for the foundation.

With the additional nine the Ewauna plant will have a total of 24 kilns with an approximate capacity of 4,000,000 feet. Their present battery of fifteen kilns has a capacity of approximately 2,500,000 feet, according to Secretary Fred Schallock.

While figures for comparison with other plants were not available last night, the Ewauna people are thought far in the lead of Klamath mills in kiln facilities. This means the Ewauna plant has the advantage of the rapid delivery capacity for their upper grades of lumber, practically all of which is shipped out to eastern and middle western retailers and re-manufacturers.

The cost of this latest development at the Ewauna plant is about \$90,000. The work will be completed by July, according to Louis K. Porter.

Lewis Might Not Stay to Collect

Juan Lewis who sued Sheriff Hawkins, and District Attorney Elliott for alleged false imprisonment on a recent county jail trip is now in trouble himself.

Yesterday before U. S. Commissioner Bert C. Thomas Lewis was charged as responsible for the theft of an auto tire from a car of the U. S. Park Service, driven by Roger Wells, chief ranger.

Lewis was jailed pending giving bond and if the bond is not received Monday, Thomas stated that Lewis will be sent to Portland for trial on a federal warrant.

Jingle, Jingle, Old Horse Car's Day Comes Back

Remember the old jingling horse car which "ran" from the railroad station up the fickle curve of Main street to the canal and then "ran" back again. That is unless someone said to the management in charge "Come on, let's have one," when the reins were wound round the shining brake handle and time schedules might go hang. Running was uncertain at best.

All this comes back with the return of C. S. Adams to town, for Adams was many years engineer in charge of the rolling stock. He went down today and looked over the rolling stock as it sets mournfully on a rusty switch line just where he unhooked his team from it a decade ago.

That last trip was memorable, Adams said. He kept the car rolling up to the final minute after decision was made to pull up the tracks, and when he came back from one end about fifty yards of rail had been torn up by unseeing laborers. Nothing remained but to pull the car over the street surface and this Adams put up to his willing team.

Adams said the car was purchased in San Francisco off the old Sutter street car line after the fire of 1906. Horse cars were on Market street in the coast city up to 15 years ago, Adams recalled.

He is contracting through Nevada, he said.

Traffic Cop Out of Work Fine Ruling

While R. E. Knowles, traffic officer, may hereafter chase the demon rum, he will no longer chase the speed demons along the highways and byways of Klamath county. Yesterday, it being May 1, the county court cut off his pay.

Recently it was determined the state law did not provide that the county could retain any part of the fines collected from traffic law violators on the highways. On county roads it was different, but there were few fines collected from the said byways. For one reason, the motorists could not travel so fast on them.

Retaining Knowles was held an expense that the county could not stand.

Operating as state prohibition officer recently, Knowles and Officer McMills having made several important arrests by overhauling moonshine under motion. His county car will be taken, together with his commission as deputy sheriff, and he and his brother prohibition officers will have to make different arrangements.

It has been the policy of the county court to be used by the prohibition officers on the theory that drunken drivers could be kept off the roads.

WATERLESS LANDS ABSORB STEALING

BILLINGS, Mont., May 1.—(United Press)—Mrs. Pearl M. Grice, 45, today pleaded guilty before Federal Commissioner Anderson to a charge of embezzling government funds to the extent of \$1500 while she was postmistress at Nibbles.

Millions May Join Strikers

The British Crisis Is Deadly Grave; All Work May Stop

LONDON, May 1.—(United Press) Great Britain tonight faced the greatest industrial crisis in her history.

Approximately 1,000,000 mine workers struck or were locked out at midnight.

The council of the trades union congress today called a general sympathetic strike effective Monday at midnight, which would involve approximately 4,000,000 additional workers.

To meet this grave situation King George proclaimed the existence of a national emergency, thereby authorizing Premier Baldwin and the cabinet to govern Great Britain without parliament and virtually by martial law.

Troops were moved into the Scotch, Lancashire and South Wales mining districts to assist the police in maintaining order and protecting property.

Baldwin was empowered to use the armed forces of the government—about 151,000 regular soldiers and 186,000 territorials or militiamen—to maintain essential public services and utilities.

The board of trade tonight issued emergency coal consumption orders prohibiting the display of illuminated signs, limiting use of coal in shops, schools and offices to 50 per cent of the average; restricting the use of gas and electricity for industrial purposes, restricting each British household's coal purchases, and intimating the consumers soon may be required to register their names to obtain coal at all.

From Wales it was reported that the first miners' soup kitchens have been established.

Churches Pray

Virtually all British church congregations tomorrow will offer special prayers for industrial peace.

"We are prepared to take over the food, lighting, transport and all other services immediately," a member of the government said tonight. "Food supplies are absolutely assured. Milk will be delivered every morning."

Troops were ready in their barracks to entrain for any place in Great Britain. Baldwin depended upon volunteers to maintain urban traffic and upon military and naval engineers to keep the railroads going.

HOUSES GO UP TO START MAY

Two homes and two minor structures will be erected during the month of May, according to building permits issued yesterday from the office of the city clerk.

The two homes will be put up by E. E. Magee at a cost of \$4000. They will be built on East Main.

Fred Barrow will build a \$600 structure on Fremont street, and A. Lawrence will build a \$540 auto paint shop on Spring street.

COMMISSION-MANAGER PLAN

The Plan Is Very Similar In Principle To The Management of The School System

By BEN H. STEVENSON

The principle of the commission-manager plan as embodied in the new charter to be voted on by the people of Klamath Falls on May 21st is the same as the principle under which the high school system of the city is managed. In the high school aged. In the high school board of several responsible citizens elected at large vested with the responsibility of caring for the system. These men, capable and intelligent

representatives of the city's highly respected profession of school administrators. To him is delegated much of the actual business of buying, hiring, and administering the affairs of the school. So much is this so that the board acts largely upon his recommendations, and merely see to it that the community gets what it needs and wants in a general way, so far as the administration of the schools is concerned.

So, very properly, they hire a professional superintendent, a man who has had long and expensive training, who is giving his life to the business of administering schools such as we have here, a member of

the highly respected profession of school administrators. To him is delegated much of the actual business of buying, hiring, and administering the affairs of the school. So much is this so that the board acts largely upon his recommendations, and merely see to it that the community gets what it needs and wants in a general way, so far as the administration of the schools is concerned.

The administration of the city at the present time is best citizens, have neverthe-

haphazard fashion by a group of men, who, however honest and capable they may be, have nevertheless their own business affairs to attend to, and cannot give the time necessary for the supervision of such an important business as that of governing our city. Nor have they the expert training necessary for the scientific management of the city's business in these modern times. That is why it is desirable to turn the business affairs of the city over to a trained business

manager, a man of force and ability who will be paid enough to insure that the city will get a really high class administration of its business affairs.

Would you be willing to trust the administration of the schools of the city entirely to a man or men elected directly from and by the people here? No, you know that the present plan of placing a professional superintendent at the head is the best. Just so it is with the affairs of the city.

59 Per Cent Increase

The volume of sales in April, 1926, over April, 1925, was produced by Golden Rule Values and Quality That Is Apparent, in Golden Rule Stores in Klamath County.

Thirty-four (34) per cent of this increase was in the Klamath Falls store's business.

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