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## IRRIGATION COMMITTEE'S WORK

Those members of the irrigation committee who reside in the country are doing good work. According to all reports they are securing subscriptions of large areas of land to the government project. This is the kind of work that counts.

It has been stated that if all of the committee would get in and do solid work of this kind that the project would be completed much sooner. It is claimed that the time wasted in promulgating, printing and sending out advice and warnings, to men who are not in need of such volunteer action in their behalf, would be better spent in more practical work for the cause; that the mission of the committee is not one of war, revenge and prejudice but one of legitimate work.

There are no vicious enemies in the field; there are no highwaymen or outlaws lurking behind the big sagebrush produced by the heretofore dry but fertile soil of the valleys, and the committee has not a mission of extermination but one of building up.

If there are trouble-makers on the committee, and if there are, they are few, it would not be a bad idea for the committee to stay their legitimate work long enough to read the riot act to these, for they do more harm to the cause than all other elements.

Government irrigation is the fad, it is the salvation, it is the great remedy for all of the ailments of the arid region and the people know it, and are ready to co-operate for its advancement.

It is popular and justly popular. It needs no advocates—it only needs working to organize it and start it to going.

Every hour, word and drop of printer's ink spent off of the legitimate course is that much wasted.

There is an inclination on the part of small-calibre men to always get in on the popular side and punish some one against whom they have a grievance. Their ambition is to tear down and get revenge instead of building up and working for the good of the community.

It is claimed that one or two of these have gotten on the irrigation committee—men who have been failures in politics and in one thing and another and that they have been the instigators of all the rot that has been printed and sent out in the name of the committee.

It is also claimed that some of the government officials have been dragged into the matter and thus caused to deviate occasionally from their real duty—that they have fought what they imagined antagonistic institutions to the government project.

The truth of the matter is the government officials are sent here to perform a duty. They are expected to look over the ground, make surveys, report what they find and take no part in local disputes that may arise—that is outside of their work.

If the irrigation committee and the government representatives only knew it they have the support of the people, and if they will attend to the actual work laid out before them, the people will do all of the quarrelling and fighting that is necessary, and they don't need to be continually agitated over the matter either.

## PROPOSED NEW CHARTER FOR THE GROWING TOWN OF KLAMATH FALLS

### Her Rapid Advancement Demands Broader Laws and Wider Scope of Authority In Her Government

#### MAY BORROW \$95,000, AND BUY ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT AND THE WATER SYSTEM

The City officers and prominent citizens of Klamath Falls met at the town hall last Friday night and listened to the reading of a proposed new charter for the city.

Joint Representative Shook was present and promised his support in the matter of having the new charter passed by the next legislature.

A number of legal lights were present and stated that the charter is an able document and covers the present needs of the growing city, with provisions for its advancement. It is said to follow the Grants Pass charter in a measure, containing the best elements of that charter with a sufficient number of additions to make it perfectly adaptable to Klamath Falls.

The corporate limits will be enlarged by the new charter by adding the East one-half of the North east quarter of sec 31 (1/2 38 x 9 1/2 w m, containing about 68 acres. This tract lies west of the flouring mill and is principally owned by Moore Bros.

The new boundary line will be as follows:

Beginning at the north east corner of section 32, tp. 38 s r 9 e w m., thence north 20 chains; thence west 40 chains; thence south 20 chains; thence west 60 chains; thence south 40 chains; thence east 50 chains; thence south 40 chains; thence east 85 chains; thence in a north-south direction along the meander line of the east bank of the Klamath river to the point of its intersection with the section line between sections 32 and 33; thence north on said section line to the place of beginning.

The town will be divided into three wards as follows: Ward no. 1, will consist of that part of the town west of Link river and Ewauna lake. Ward no. 2, will consist of that portion of the town west of Fourth street and east of Klamath and Link rivers. Ward no. 3, will consist of all that portion of the town east of Fourth street.

The government of the town shall invest in a Mayor and six councilmen, two of the councilmen to be elected from each ward in the city.

The new charter provides that an election shall be held on the first Monday in May 1905, at which a Mayor shall be elected for one year and the councilmen one in each ward for one and one for two years. The Mayor, Police Judge and Treasurer will be elected at large and for one year.

At the first annual meeting, after the election every year the Mayor, with the approval of a majority of the council, appoints a city attorney, surveyor, marshal, who shall be chief of police, and such other police as are needed from time to time. A street superintendent is also appointed under the same provisions.

Only qualified electors with a residence of one year in the corporate limits is eligible to election or appointment to offices, and the mayor and councilmen are required to own real estate in the city.

All persons voting at city elections are required to be electors under the laws of the state and must have resided in the city six months and in the ward 60 days prior to the election. In case of bonding the city for indebtedness, the elector must in addition possess property of at least \$100 in value, the assessment rolls being the sole evidence in the case. The Australian ballot system shall prevail. Electors are required to register with the Police Judge.

The police judge will be clerk of the council as well as try all cases of violation of city ordinances. The salary of this office shall not exceed \$400 a year. The treasurer's salary shall not exceed \$150 a year.

The city attorney's salary cannot exceed \$300 a year. The street superintendent shall not receive exceeding \$2.50 per day for actual labor performed.

The marshal shall not be paid exceeding \$75 a month or police officer exceeding \$60, though each of the officers named may receive less than the sum mentioned as the salaries will all be fixed by ordinance.

In the absence of the police judge on account of sickness or otherwise the mayor shall provide in his place.

In the absence of the mayor it is the duty of one of the councilmen chosen for the term at the first meeting after the annual election to preside.

Neither the mayor nor councilmen shall draw any compensation for their services.

The charter provides for working prisoners on the streets and public works in default of the payment of fines.

The tax levy by the council is limited to one per centum on both real and personal property. It may also levy an additional special tax not exceeding three-tenths of a cent for any specific purpose, including the payment of an existing debt.

The charter provides for the collection

of a street tax of \$3 from all persons not exempt by law between the ages of 21 and 50. A provision is made for punishment by imprisonment those who refuse to pay or work out street tax.

A provision is made to license hotel runners, brokers, auctioneers, hawkers, peddlers, pawnbrokers, places of public amusement or entertainment, including theatres, operas, exhibitions, shows and the like; also tax and regulate public laundries, billiard tables, pool and pigeon-hole tables, bowling alleys and shooting galleries.

A license tax is also provided for hacks, carriages, wagons, carts, trucks, drays and other vehicles used for the transportation of passengers and all manner of traffic.

Provides for the survey of the boundaries of the town, lots, blocks and streets and alleys, and for the naming and straightening of streets; also to prohibit throwing filth, garbage and other impurities into Link river.

To provide for the establishment of hospitals and the control of contagious diseases.

To provide for the abatement of nuisances and make the expense a lien on the property.

To provide a fire department.

To regulate the storage of gunpowder and the use of lamps and other lights in shops, stables and other places and to remove or secure any fire place, stove or stovepipe or other dangerous thing in causing fires.

To provide entrance ways to theatres and other public buildings and regulate same.

To establish fire limits and prescribe the class of buildings within same.

To provide for the regulation of laying street railroad tracks, railroad tracks, artificial water courses, to prevent public nuisances and advertising notices, steam whistles, ringing of bells and blowing locomotive whistles and to regulate the speed of trains and street cars in the city limits; also, to control all manner of traffic in the streets, the playing of bands and the manner of signs, sign posts and awning, telephone, telegraph and electric light wires.

To regulate the speed of bicycles and the driving of all manner of vehicles, including engines and traction engines in the streets.

To define who are common drunkards and to prohibit the sale or gift of liquor to such under penalty, and to prohibit opium dives and punish frequenters of same.

To suppress, restrain or prohibit bawdy and assignation houses, gaming and gambling houses, and immoral shows, and to punish persons who visit or frequent such places.

To regulate saloons and all manner of tables and lawful games therein and the issuance of license to keepers of same.

To define and punish vagrancy, and to prevent the sale and circulation of obscene literature.

To regulate or prohibit keeping open business houses on Sunday.

To regulate the manner of setting out shade trees in the streets and public parks.

To regulate weights and measures.

To prohibit stock running at large and provide for a pound and the punishment of owners permitting stock to run at large; also to impose a dog tax and to provide for the impounding and killing of dogs.

To improve streets, build culverts, bridges and sewers.

To provide light and water for the town and public and private buildings, and to charge and collect reasonable prices therefor.

To provide for the appropriation of money for payment of debts from any fund applicable therefor, provided that the warrant indebtedness shall never exceed \$20,000, and all jobs for building, improving and ornamenting, the expenses which are to be paid by the town, where the probable cost exceeds \$100, shall be let out to the lowest responsible bidder, and where the work exceeds \$500 in cost, the same shall be submitted to a vote of the people.

To control all manner of flumes, aqueducts, ditches and canals and their coverings where they are on the streets or highways of the town, and fix liens for cost of the same.

To borrow money and for the issuance of bonds, provided that the amount shall never exceed \$75,000 and the rate of interest shall not exceed 6 per cent. per annum; that the total indebtedness of the town shall never exceed \$95,000, and in all bond issues the matter shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors.

All bonds shall be signed by the mayor and police judge and in denominations not exceeding \$1,000 and payable within 20 years, interest paid semi-annually. Sale of bonds shall be advertised in the newspaper for 30 days and the council shall have the right to reject any and all bids. At the same time the

## WORKMEN HELD THE BOARDS

### Watched the Old Year Out and Saw Fluch of the New Year In.

Linkville Lodge No. 110, A. O. U. W. held its greatest meeting Saturday night, the last day of the old year.

It was an all night job to initiate the 8 new candidates and many did not get home until six o'clock New Year's morning.

Aside from the work they had time for a banquet and some speechmaking which were very much enjoyed.

Linkville Lodge now has a membership of 201, and won the prize for adding the greatest number to its roll in the last month of the year. The lodge is one of the best in the state and one of which the members are justly proud.

general tax levy is made a special levy is required to meet interest on bonded indebtedness. A sinking fund shall also be provided in this manner for the final payment of said bonds. This fund may be invested from time to time in United States bonds, Oregon State bonds or of municipal corporations therein or may be used in buying warrants of the town of Klamath Falls.

To purchase and dispose of personal and real property when taken for taxes or public improvements.

To restrain and punish criminal offenses generally.

To restrain and punish all manner of nuisances, regulate offensive hog-pens, stables and backyards, the burial of the dead, and punish for selling adulterated goods and diseased meats.

To regulate and prohibit bean-shooters, sling shots, bombs and all manner of fireworks.

To prevent cruelty to animals, leaving them exposed for unreasonable times in the weather.

To prevent killing of birds in city. To prohibit the exhibition of maimed and deformed persons and to prevent begging.

To provide for a city jail. To regulate the deposit of sawdust and other debris.

To regulate the building of wharves and driving of piles in Klamath and Link rivers and Lake Ewauna, and provide for landings at the foot of streets.

To establish street grades and compel improvements and direct the manner of material to be used. This applies to all manner of sidewalks and cross walks as well as pavements. All contracts for same are required to be made by contract to lowest bidder. The town shall have liens for all improvements made on property. Property sold may be redeemed within two years.

To open streets and condemn property. The ordinance is lengthy on this point and provides all of the elements usually embodied in first class cities.

The last article in the proposed charter provides the Council with power to construct or purchase, acquire, maintain, own, manage and operate a complete system of waterworks with all necessary appurtenances and attachments to supply water to the town and citizens of the town and vicinity; or in lieu of constructing such a system it may purchase or condemn to the use of the city any system now in use. The same provision in the charter provides for the same course in regard to an electric light plant.

In the provision for buying or building an electric light plant and waterworks the matter of raising the funds is required to be referred to a vote of the property owners.

The same article provides for a sewer system and the regulations under which the same is to be built in accordance with modern sewerage and drainage.



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