

PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE FIRST SECTION SENT TO WASHINGTON

TURN DOWN FRANCHISE

Langel Valley Phone Ordinance Is Too Broad.

A special meeting of the town council was held Monday evening to consider the granting of a franchise to the Langel Valley Telephone Company. The ordinance as introduced by Councilman Willis provides for a right of way through certain streets for the erection of a telephone line coming into the city and connecting with a central office at Schollock & Dargette store, and besides it contains a blanket clause allowing the company to erect poles and do a general telephone business on any of the streets, avenues or alleys throughout the town.

While the franchise has passed to its second reading, it is probable that it will go no farther unless it is rewritten or amended, so as to specify definitely the streets upon which the poles are to be erected. The company, through its attorney Mr. Bonney, contends that it is not the intention to do a general business in Klamath Falls, but that all that is desired is to connect with the town and the few stockholders living here. This the members of the council stated they would grant if an ordinance was drawn up covering that privilege.

Judge Willis, who introduced the ordinance, stated that he did so because these people were knocking at our door, and he thought they ought to be allowed to come in. However, he was not in favor of granting them the privilege of putting in a general telephone system throughout the city, as the town now had an excellent telephone system with night service and he was opposed to doing anything that might weaken that service. Besides, he did not wish to be compelled to and force other business men to put in and pay for two phones when they could get better service with one and at a less expense.

Councilman Bishop, who always takes a definite stand on one side or the other of every question that comes up, was in favor of allowing the company to come in and connecting up with their present stockholders in this city, but was opposed to their attempting to do a general exchange business unless they would agree to put in as good a plant as the Midway Telephone Company has and give as good service. In that case he might be in favor of granting them a franchise and let the two companies fight it out. He did not believe in protecting any corporation or individual unless it was for the interest of the town, but if these people could not put in as good a system as we have at present, it would only result in harm to the efficiency of the present service, and he did not believe in "gouging". I am in favor of allowing the Langel Valley Company to come in but I am opposed to giving away privileges which they never expect to use.

H. V. Gates, of the Midway Telephone & Telegraph Company, was present and was given permission to address the Council. In quite a lengthy talk he explained the effect of having two telephone systems operating in one town. He stated that competition in the telephone business was not a good thing as it had been demonstrated that it did

OUR CITY TO HAVE TELEGRAPH

Midway Company To Put Operator In Central Office.

The Midway Telephone & Telegraph Company expect in a short time to put in a telegraph operator at their central office in Klamath Falls.

Mr. H. V. Gates, who is in town this week, stated that on account of the numerous important messages being sent from this office, that they had decided to make this improvement for the protection of their patrons. Heretofore, messages received and sent out had to be repeated so that they could be overheard by anyone on the line or in the office, and in many cases important messages became public property before they reached the party to whom they were sent.

Connection will be made with the Western Pacific and the Postal Telegraph systems at Ashland, and messages can be sent with the assurance of absolute secrecy. It may be arranged to supply certain parties, such as stock buyers, with codes for use at the small offices throughout the country.

Over ten thousand acres of excess land has been signed the past week. Abner Weel, who owns 7,400 acres, has subscribed all his land and signed the excess land trust deeds. E. H. Reames this morning tendered a trust deed for his private holdings of 800 acres. This was accepted on condition that the balance of 1800 acres should be signed. Mr. Reames agreed to make an effort to do so just as soon as he could see Mr. Nitzger and make some arrangement with him. H. Conn, of Roseburg, one of the non-resident owners, was in town this week and signed his 682 acres. Many other smaller tracts were signed up and the Association expects to have the balance in a short time.

not lower the cost of service but on the other hand it would double the cost and impair the service. With two systems there would be two poles where there was one now and two wires where there was one at present, with the result that the streets would be blocked with poles and wires.

In an interview with a Republican representative later Mr. Gates said: "The ideal exchange in a city is to put a telephone in every house if possible. The more phones you have on your central exchange, the better service you have and the more people you can please. I am not a municipal ownership man, but I have thought a good deal lately that towns and cities should own these central exchanges, and allow connection to any toll line that might want to come in."

"We are now doing all Mr. Hessig's work on our switch board for nothing. All he does is to pay the yearly rental of \$2 for the Bell phone. This is what we have to pay for every phone we use. We have tried to show the Langel Valley Company this thing many times, but they have mis-constructed our motive and we have not been able to do anything with them."

"We will let the Langel Valley people come in here on our switch board at a cost, which we will demonstrate to any committee, less than they can put in their own office for. We will sell out our central exchange to any corporation, individual or to the city at what it has cost us, providing they will give us the same privileges that we are now giving Mr. Hessig or offer the Langel Valley Company. We do not oppose their coming in, but we want some regulation of this central exchange."

TROUBLES OVER

Plans and Specifications Are Now In Washington.

Ninety-five per cent of all the land under the lower Klamath project has been signed up with the Water Users Association, and about eighty per cent of the excess land holdings.

This means that the Klamath project will be constructed without any delay, as Chief Engineer Newell, when here, stated that if the Association got 75 per cent of the land signed up the Service would find a way to secure the rest.

The specifications and plans have been sent to Washington along with the report of the Water Users Association. If the Secretary considers that sufficient land has been signed up to justify construction, bids will be advertised for in a very short time for the first ten miles. This includes the lands north of the Lost river slough and west of Lost river as far as the Gap, involving 12000 acres. This is the main canal and forms the feeder of the main distributing system on the east side of the Klamath river.

It is stated that unless we have very severe and inclement weather this fall, construction on the tunnel can be continued through the winter. The construction involves besides the building of the tunnel, the construction of ten miles of canal and the expenditure of a half million dollars.

Supervising Engineer Lippincott aided by the project engineer, Mr. Humphery, have been making every effort possible to bridge difficulties and start construction this fall. With proper aid from the farming community and corporate support, this can be accomplished and begin the construction of one of the greatest projects ever undertaken by the Reclamation Service.

Schools Overflowing

Klamath Falls schools are overflowing and it is almost impossible to accommodate all of the scholars. The County High School had an enrollment of 30 scholars on the first day and many more have entered since. It has been necessary to secure the Methodist Church to accommodate some of the classes. The public school is in worse condition than the High School. As the new high school building will be completed before the public school it is probable that arrangements will be made to use some of the rooms in the high school during the winter.

The main canal will be approximately 20 feet wide on the bottom and 70 feet on top, and will carry half as much again as is now flowing in Link River.

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MAY MANUFACTURE CEMENT

Plant Could Be Put In By Government or Water Users Asso.

If it should be necessary on account of the cost of shipping cement here, the Reclamation Service may manufacture this material in Klamath county.

Brickets made of cement manufactured from material found in Klamath county have been received from a factory and the results are excellent. In seven days set it stood the test of 295 pounds. Further investigation will be made along these lines.

If it becomes necessary it will be possible to manufacture cement right here for use on head works, turn outs, bridge piers, pipes and in numerous other ways where lasting qualifications are necessary and in building those portions of the canal where concrete work will be used.

In one other project where the Service could not obtain cement at a reasonable cost they decided to put in their own plant, with the result that hundreds of thousands of dollars were saved to the farmers, besides the starting of the industry had a lasting benefit to the community.

Rights of Way For Canal

The disbursement of the \$4,500,000 which the Government will expend in the construction of the Klamath Project, will be disbursed in Klamath Falls. Mr. C. C. Hogue has been selected as Disbursing Officer.

As the Government will advertise for bids as soon as the plans and specifications are formally approved in Washington, Mr. Hoigate, the attorney for the project, has received instructions to secure rights of way for the first nine miles of ditch to be constructed. He will ask for options for the rights of way from the land owners this week. Tolls will not be asked for, however, until some time next year. The lands traversed by the first nine miles includes tracts owned by the following persons: M. Hanks, Klamath Improvement Company, J. C. and S. S. Mitchell, Mrs. J. W. Bryant, Mrs. McMillan, C. N. Meyer, Thos. H. Moore, Mrs. N. Summers, S. T. Summers, Carmody Estate, Ankney-Cantrell, J. and B. W. Short, H. L. Arant, Mrs. Anna Thomas and Henry Parish.

While it is not probable that ditch construction will begin until next spring, the contractor may find it possible to commence work this winter and there seems every reason to believe that tunnel construction will commence this year and be pushed rapidly during the winter months.

R. R. Headed For Merrill

McCloud, Cal., Sept. 5th. 1905. Messrs. Martin Bros., Merrill, Ore. Gentlemen—

I address this letter to you as you are the first signed on the petition received a few days ago, requesting this Company to build a Railroad to your town. It is gratifying to know that the people of your district are taking an interest in our Railroad and we trust that we can be of mutual benefit to each other.

In regard to your petition, I will be very glad to take this matter up with our Directors and any proposition that you wish to present, I will present that to them also. We are pushing the work with all possible speed and trust that before long we may be near your town. I understand the road from Pummise Stone to our Railroad is not in the very best condition at present, but I feel sure that after the first rains in the Fall, it will be far superior to any road you have in your country.

It is not our policy to have the people and citizens of your country subscribe and build our road for us, all that we will ask, will be the entire and hearty co-operation of the people, and in our turn we will try to do what we can to benefit all concerned. I do not feel that it is policy for any Railroad concern to ask the farmers and townspeople to cripple themselves to help a Railroad build into their country, on the contrary, it is the best interests of the Railroad to have such people in good prosperous condition.

Thanking you for your interest in the matter, I am, Yours very truly,
S. O. JOHNSON.

Notice of Dissolution.
The firm of Merryman & White prop. of the City Drug Store has been dissolved. Dr. Merryman having sold his interest to Dr. White, who will continue the business. All accounts due the firm, will be collected by him, and all obligations assumed.
Dr. Geo. H. Merryman.
Dr. F. M. White.

Go to Mannings for a new pipe.

WILL POLICE THE TOWN

Chamber Of Commerce Will Assist The Council.

"Resolved that it is the sense of this club that the city government shall enforce the provisions of the charter in all matters requisite or necessary for the policing of the town and the abating of nuisances therein, and to that end has the countenance and support of this Chamber of Commerce."

Nineteen applications were approved for membership with the Klamath Falls Chamber of Commerce at their meeting Friday evening. The following are the new members: E. B. Reames, George Biehn, Arthur C. Lewis, C. Ross Anderson, L. Alva Lewis, John R. Sults, Thomas Drake, W. A. DeCordova, George R. Hurn, Fred Biehn, A. J. Manning, J. E. Bodge, C. C. Chitwood, L. F. Willis, J. W. Siemens, A. L. Levitt, Matt G. Wilkins, J. C. Hutten, and Rufus S. Moore.

The report of the committee appointed to arrange the excursion for the improvement of Wood River, was read and approved and the committee discharged. The report showed that there was received for tickets sold in Klamath Falls \$151.50 and at Fort Klamath \$15, making a total of \$166.50. It was moved and passed that Totten & Hansberry be paid \$50 out of the proceeds of the excursion in settlement of their expenses as per agreement.

The following bills were allowed and ordered paid:
W. O. Smith, printing \$1.50
J. Scott Taylor, printing \$3.00
Lakeside Lun, banquet to S. P. Officials \$22.25.

Secretary Worden was authorized to engage some one as assistant to devote one hour each day in answering correspondence etc., at a salary not to exceed \$10 a month.

An informal discussion was then held relative to the necessity for improving the appearance of the city. Every member present expressed himself as in favor of helping and encouraging work along this line, and the above resolution was passed offering the support of the Chamber to the town council in their effort to enforce the ordinances relative to the policing of the streets and the beautifying of the grounds and public places of the city.

Swingle-Bennett

Mr. Holly F. Swingle, of Lorella, Klamath County, and Miss Artie M. Bennett, of Medford, were married at the residence of the bride's parents, on Thursday evening, September 7, 1905. The ceremony was performed by Rev. F. W. Carstens, of Medford.

The bride is the daughter of S. L. Bennett, a successful fruit grower of Jackson County. She is a graduate of the Southern Oregon Normal School at Ashland.

The groom is the son of Frank Swingle, a well known and prominent stockman of Klamath County. After a visit to Portland Mr. and Mrs. Swingle will return to Klamath County where Mr. Swingle will assume charge of his father's stock ranch in Langel Valley.

Married in Ashland.

Mr. Frank Cortada, formerly of Michigan, and Miss Minnie Wilson, of Dunsmuir, California, were married in Ashland on Saturday, September 2, 1905. The bride is a sister of Mrs. J. T. Totten of this city, and has been visiting here and at Odessa for some time. Mr. Cortada is engineer for the Klamath Lake Mill & Lumber Company.



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