

TRACKS FOR ELECTRIC RAILWAY NOW BEING LAID

HOT SPRINGS CO. GIVES CITY A SURPRISE BEGINS CONSTRUCTION SUNDAY

Council Holds Special Meeting and Employ Holgate & Kuykendall and Take Steps to Repeal Franchise

Compromise May Be Effected and Long Litigation Avoided.

Statements of Principals Seeking Control of Main Thoroughfare of Klamath Falls.

The peaceful quiet of the Sabbath morning that usually prevails in Klamath Falls was broken in the rush and bustle of three gangs of men busily engaged in tearing up Main street last Sunday morning.

Two contests were being carried on at once. One the usual rush of freight teams, one set from Pockegama, the terminus of the Klamath Lake railroad and the other set from the terminus of the Weed road.

The sudden and unexpected move was precipitated by the publication in last week's Republican of the information that the Klamath Canal company would have two cars of rails at Pockegama on last Friday morning.

Sunday night a meeting of the city council was held, and it was decided to hold a special session Monday night. Both factions were notified and were on hand with their counsel, Judge Drake representing Mr. Campbell and his principals and Mr. Farragher of Yreka representing the side of the Klamath Canal company.

Accepted in good faith and the operations began the day previous for the purpose of carrying out the original intentions of Mr. Nafziger. He set forth further that his sudden move was precipitated by the action of the opposition, which embraced several of the leading men of the city.

Continuing, Mr. Campbell said it would seem that the council was taking snap judgment if any action were taken on the pending ordinance, and asked that it be laid over until his principal, Mr. Nafziger, could have an opportunity to be heard.

He was followed by Mr. Farragher, who stated that his side was perfectly willing to have the ordinance go over, provided Mr. Campbell would agree to suspend construction operations, but if he did not he urged immediate consideration of the measure.

At the conclusion of Mr. Farragher's remarks, Judge Drake took the floor, and with equal eloquence declared the council had no authority to repeal or change the franchise granted to Mr. Nafziger, and that if Main street was too narrow to admit of the construction of a competing line then the contestants and not his clients should suffer.

Holgate & Kuykendall were retained to give an opinion on the points at issue, and prepare an ordinance along the lines of that opinion.

information, and the matter was laid over until Thursday night. In the meantime Campbell is pushing the work of laying ties and rail with all the energy he possesses.

When seen by a Republican representative Mr. Brown said: "We want to put in and build a street railway connecting both ends of the town with the upper lake, running down Main street. We have no desire to monopolize this thoroughfare. All we confidently expect to get it."



A. H. Nafziger, to whom franchise was granted.

we desire is equal rights on Main street and if given the same will take care of all future electric railroad companies yet to come, by allowing them equal use of our tracks with ourselves; of course, they to pay their pro rata of the expense.

"There is projected an electric road to Bonanza and Merrill from Klamath Falls and before many years there will be a line to Fort Klamath and Crater lake and several other points throughout this county."

know but what they might use some physical force to take possession and interfere with our rights under our franchise. Some criticism has been made by some ill advised people to the effect that Mr. Nafziger, who is President of the California Northeastern, Klamath Development Company, and the Hot Springs Improvement Company is not pursuing the work in these different enterprises in such a way as to convince them that we mean business.

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"Our people are deeply interested in the growth and welfare of Klamath Falls, as it means everything to them, and we are prepared to do anything and everything that is in our power to promote the welfare of this community."

"The work that has been commenced on the street railway will be pursued until it is finished. We have sufficient rails on the streets to lay three blocks, and have 17 1/2 tons on wagons on route, which will be delivered in Klamath Falls the end of this week."

"I know nothing of a compromise, and further than that I have nothing to say." Mr. Brown's response was the same, as was that of Holgate and Kuykendall and the members of the council who were seen.

tion which has followed in the wake of every move made since last Sunday were entirely absent, and it is practically certain that some basis of agreement has been reached which will result in all parties being satisfied.

The race with the railroad steel is another story, and introduces one of the most unique and original chapters to be found in annals of street railway building. A party of citizens, among whom were Major Worden and Rufus Moore, were discussing the railway situation last Friday, when the Major offered to bet Rufus \$100 that the Hot Springs company would have two tons of steel on the ground first.

As soon as word of the wager reached the offices of the two companies, they began immediate preparations to hurry things up. J. A. Buell went post haste to Pockegama, and on reaching there found their material had not yet arrived.

The wagons arrived in the following order: 1st—Lom Louden, six mule team. 2nd—Lee Metcalf, " " " 3rd—Fred Merrill, " " " 4th—Henry Stout, " " "

Both teams played very good ball, the High School team was weak at the bat, but made up for this deficiency by their excellent field work.

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