

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Engineer Zumwalt Submits Plan For New Sewer System

IT WILL COST ABOUT \$58,000

Move to Purchase Site for City Hall—New Sidewalks Ordered Built and Much Routine Business Disposed Of

One of the most sensible sessions of the City Council was held last Monday evening, for the reason that many questions that arose were treated with such rational consideration as to draw the conclusion that the present city plans were to carry out all projects beneficial to the city, irrespective of whose toes were pinched. The rapid growth of this city is bringing about an era that demands different treatment than could heretofore be indulged in. A couple of years ago an action that would cause a slight inconvenience or hardship to an individual could be passed by, for the reason it affected few. Now, however, it is different, and the point that indicated the council sees that times have changed was that of sidewalks. The conclusion was reached at the last meeting that the council had the authority to order sidewalks constructed whether the property owner objected or not—and what is more, it is going to exercise that prerogative. No one will object to this stand, unless it is the property owner at the time he is instructed to build the sidewalk, and he will feel so good after the work is done that he will forget his discomfort and want every other property owner who has no sidewalk to enjoy his elation. Mud paths are a thing of the past in Klamath Falls, and it is about time.

One of the important matters presented at the meeting was Engineer Zumwalt's report on a sewer system. The plans provide for a main sewer that will extend along Klamath avenue and empty into Link river at the west end of the channel. For that portion of the city below Klamath avenue a septic tank is planned, provided with a pumping plant that will deliver the sewerage into the river. Ewauna Heights is cared for by a sewer that will connect with the one leading along Main street. Under present conditions it will be a very difficult matter to put in a satisfactory system, and this condition must prevail until the lake is lowered by the Reclamation Service. The estimated cost is \$58,000, which is very reasonable.

A "nigger in the wood pile" petition was presented asking that the city prohibit the construction of any more open ditches, sewers or canals within the city limits. The colored gentleman proved to be an effort to prevent the vacating of High street on the West side and the preventing of the Reclamation Service from constructing the Keno Canal. Engineer Murphy was present and stated that it was not possible to build the canal in such a manner as to permit the use of the street by vehicles, and that he considered it necessary that the street should be abandoned. He further stated that the government desired to construct the canal next year, and inasmuch as it required much time to advertise for bids and sign up contracts, he wished that the council take action on the matter at an early date.

Paul Breitenstein, who circulated the petition, was of a different opinion, and believed he could construct the canal in such a manner as to permit of the use of the street. The distance in controversy is about 600 feet. The council visited the disputed territory Monday, and a special meeting will be called this week to settle the question. The proposition is a big one—too big to let the question of vacating this street interfere with the construction of this waterway, and while the council is undoubtedly desirous of conserving the rights of individuals it is not apt to lose sight of the maxim of the "greatest good to the greatest number."

A petition was presented asking that mercantile establishments be treated on Sunday to the same prohibitory measures applied to saloons. The council took a different view of the matter and laid it on the table, taking the position that business houses should be

allowed to exercise their own judgment in the matter.

Action on the request for the removal of the county jail from its present location, on account of the erection of the two story office building by the telephone company, was deferred until next spring. This brought up the advisability of the purchasing of property for city use. The present location of the so-called city hall is permitted at the option of the county, and may be ordered removed at the pleasure of the county court. It was deemed advisable that some steps should be taken and an investigation was ordered to ascertain the prices and location of desirable sites. One site suggested was that between Third and Fourth streets on Klamath avenue. The property is owned by the Smith Corporation, and it is understood that five lots can be secured for \$3000, or two for \$1,500. Mayor Martin was instructed to ascertain at what price this property could be purchased and report. He will be glad to learn of any other sites, the owner of which may deem acceptable to the city.

The street committee recommended that a sidewalk be constructed on the west side of Fourth street above Pine, to be built to grade and without steps. The council thought it inadvisable to establish a neck-and-lobb breaking toboggan within the city limits and ordered otherwise. Other sidewalks ordered built were along the west side of Third street between Main street and Klamath avenue and on Washington, between Eighth and Ninth.

An ordinance was introduced granting to Telford & Son the right to construct a wharf and boat house at the foot of Center street. They are to have the use of it for three years, during which it reverts to the city. After the term of the lease all launches, row and sail boats are to have free use of it. Messrs Telford are trying to establish an industry here that should receive encouragement. The use of the site asked for will interfere with no inconvenience no one and will result in a good deal of accommodation to the public in general. It is to be hoped the council will act favorably on the ordinance.

The hose cart and equipment, ordered purchased at a special meeting, has been shipped, and will on its arrival be stationed in the Third ward, probably at Main and Eight street. It cost \$533. The street light on Main street between Second and Third, was ordered placed in front of the post office.

Bills aggregating \$147.62 were ordered paid.

GRAND THANKS-GIVING BALL

The land boys will give a grand concert ball at the opera house Thanksgiving night. Numerous overtures will be interspersed throughout the program, and it promises to be an evening of pleasing entertainment for spectators as well as dancers. Opening overture promptly at 8:30, to be immediately followed by the grand march. Admission—tickets for dancing \$1.00; spectators 25 cents, all ladies free. An all night dance—Everyone invited.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The boys of the Athletic association are practicing diligently for the coming football game, to be played between the Seniors and Sophomores, and the Freshmen and Juniors.

Owing to some slight injuries, which for a time were thought to be serious, being received by one of the players, the football game played last Friday afternoon, was not finished. The score, when the playing ceased, was 0 in favor of the Juniors and Freshmen.

As we now have a portion of our new seats set up, in the assembly hall, chapel exercises will be held every morning. Besides music and choral work, a series of talks on moral subjects will be given by Professor Swan.

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BOSSSES ARE INDICTED

Schmitz and Ruef Land in Heney's Dragnet

Five indictments against Mayor Eugene E. Schmitz and Abraham Ruef for extortion were returned by the Grand Jury at San Francisco Thursday night. The Mayor and the boss of the city administration are jointly accused of unlawfully and feloniously forcing certain French restaurant proprietors to pay specified sums of money for retail liquor licenses.

One indictment charges that on January 15, 1905, Schmitz and Ruef extorted \$1175 from Antonio B. Blanco, who was the proprietor of the Poole Dog restaurant, then at the corner of Eddy and Mason streets; in another, that on February 6, 1906, Blanco had to pay Schmitz and Ruef the further sum of \$1000; in two others, that these same amounts on the dates mentioned were corruptly extorted from Joseph Mallanti, Charles Kelb and William Lafrenz, who conducted the Delmonico restaurant, which before the fire was located at 110 O'Farrell street; and in the fifth, that on January 15, 1905, Pierre Priet, Michel Debrat and Edward J. Marchand's restaurant, then on Stockton and Geary streets, had to pay the Mayor and the boss \$1175, they escaping the demand for another \$1000 in last February.

Each of these alleged offenses is punishable by imprisonment in the State penitentiary for a term not exceeding five years.

Ruef was arrested and gave bail aggregating \$50,000. Schmitz is now en route from Europe and the service of the warrant of arrest upon the indictment against him will be his welcome home.

FULTON NOT IN IT

A Washington dispatch says: From land office sources it is learned today that the investigations on the Umatilla reservation were initiated to ascertain the connection of J. H. Raley and other Oregonians with the wholesale entry of large areas in the ceded strip of the reservation. This verifies Secretary Hitchcock's statement that Senator Fulton is not under investigation.

The senator's name was brought into the case by reason of his having introduced a bill to validate the title of a large number of entries now believed to have been made in the interest of Raley and others.

From this same source it is learned that "senator Fulton was misled at the time the bill was introduced, and this explains his testimony before the committee.

CORRESPONDENCE

Editor, THE REPUBLICAN: President Roosevelt is visiting the Panama Canal: Is not this the first instance on record of a President leaving the boundaries of the United States?

A. A. (Yes. It is supposed by many that there is a law forbidding the President to leave the United States during his incumbency. This is erroneous, and has been based on the custom heretofore followed. Now, however, with fast boats and wireless telegraphy, the Chief Executive can be in as close touch with the seat of government as if he were on land.)

ADDITIONAL BRIEFS.

G. A. Bushee, deputy United States Marshall, was in the city during the week, working on a reservation cattle stealing case.

The Steamer Klamath resumed her regular run, between this city and Lairds, Monday morning. The new propeller arrived Saturday evening. During the interim the Klamath was thoroughly overhauled, and Capt. Hazen says she will sail the waters like a swan.

The many friends of Hon. John S. Orr, formerly county judge of this county, will be glad to learn of his success during the recent campaign, when he was elected district judge in Nevada by a large majority. The judge's district includes the city of Reno where he resides.

In an opinion rendered by the attorney-general in reply to a request from County Superintendent Amos S. Johnson, of Curry county, concerning creation of new or alteration of old district lines or boundaries, he holds that there is no power to change or alter the boundaries of a school district or to create a new district at the present. This state of affairs is due to a juggling of the laws by past legislatures.

Watches. L. Alva Lewis.

WANTS TO KNOW

Fulton After Scalp of Fellow Who Suspects Him of Fraud.

WASHINGTON.—Senator Fulton today made the following statement: "I have just read the article in The Oregonian of November 12 headed, 'Suspects Fulton of Land Frauds.' I confess I am surprised that The Oregonian should publish a statement so absolutely without foundation in fact, and I think in common fairness it should have told the public who it is that 'suspects Fulton of land frauds.'"

"Editorially it says it does not, but it does not explain why or on what authority it employed the language and headlines it did in the article of news. The inference, however, is that Government Agents Dixon and Alexander are the gentlemen who are suspicious. I shall, however, make it my business to ascertain for I am tired of this sort of thing."

"The truth is that the person who authorized that statement simply lied—willfully and maliciously lied, be his name Dixon, Alexander Smith or Jones. Not only is it untrue, but he or they knew and know it to be untrue. Not only am I not directly connected with a party to any land fraud in Umatilla or elsewhere, but Dixon and Alexander, if they know anything, know that I am not and know they have no evidence whatever tending to implicate me in any such fraud."

"Like The Oregonian, I do not believe that either Mr. Furnish or Mr. Raley has been guilty of any improper act, but I am not defending them. They are capable of taking care of themselves. I understand, of course, that an impression of suspicion, or 'suspicion' is as far as the 'government agents' expect to go, so far as I am concerned. They know they can go no further, for they have no evidence, as none exists; but they think they can safely give utterance to a lying insinuation, injure my reputation, serve their master and get away unharmed. We shall see. I shall make it my business to ascertain who these 'government agents' are who have expressed their 'suspicions' and give them the opportunity to explain why they are so 'suspicious of Fulton.' I have this day requested my attorneys in Oregon to take the necessary steps to prosecute the parties responsible for this publication."

"If I ascertain who the 'government agent' is who authorized those libelous statements, I will give him an opportunity to prove wherein I am guilty of complicity in land frauds."

GREATEST OF EXPOSITIONS

Of all exhibitions held in the United States since the Philadelphia Centennial in 1876, the Jamestown Ter-Centennial to be held on the shores and waters of Hampton Roads, near the cities of Norfolk, Portsmouth and Newport News, Va., April 26 to November 30, 1907, is to be the most unique, and in originality and novelty will completely eclipse all previous Expositions.

The celebration commemorates the most important event in history—the founding of the first English-speaking settlement in America, at Jamestown, Va., in 1607, where Captain John Smith and a small party of colonists established a village from which has grown America, with nearly one hundred million population. The celebration will show the remarkable position attained by the United States in history and education, together with the marvelous industrial development and commercial expansion during three hundred years. Contemporaneous with the Exposition will be held on the waters of Hampton Roads the greatest naval pageant ever witnessed in the world, in which every type of war vessel from the navies of all foreign nations will participate. Another attractive feature will be the international military encampment in which detachments of troops of European countries will unite with the soldiers of the United States in a series of drills, maneuvers, parades, etc.

More than twenty-five exhibit palaces are now nearing completion, comprising Auditorium, Manufacture and Liberal Arts, Mines and Metallurgy, Marine Appliances, Machinery, Food Products, Arts and Crafts, Transportation, Social Economy, etc., in addition to the government and States buildings and pavilions. They will be of semi-permanent construction and in appointments will excel any similar group of buildings ever erected. In architecture they will all be of the colonial period, forming an appropriate setting to the natural beauties of the environment.

In assembling the exhibits, especially those representing the varied industries and the liberal arts the managers of the Exposition have been careful to select

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Dove of Peace Floats Over the Troubled Organization

A MOST HARMONIOUS MEETING

only such as show the latest and best attainments in every line of industry. Hence, it will be the first "selective." Exposition ever held in the United States, in which every phase of commercial and industrial development will be displayed so arranged and classified that visitors may obtain an intelligent understanding of the history and growth of any specific branch of the trades and industries' without the necessity of visiting other buildings to inspect another part of the same exhibit.

It is within a few hours' travel of more than 21,000,000 persons, and twenty-four hours of two-thirds of the entire population of the United States, easily reached by seven trunk lines of railways and twenty-six lines of steamships, which center at the Tidewater cities of Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Newport News.

World's Fairs have been the time-keepers of progress, but the Jamestown Exposition is the advance agent of higher civilization, which will create an era of increased prosperity and material advancement, and at the same time will more than realize the prediction to be the greatest, most gorgeous and novel celebration ever undertaken in the United States or any foreign country.

CONTEST VOTE

The vote to date is as follows:
Miss Stella Campbell..... 54
Miss Louise E. Sargeant..... 39
Miss Archie Keese..... 19
Vote early and often and watch The Republican each week.

MORE FRAUDS

WASHINGTON.—(Special)—Affidavits are on file with the government here, and have been called to the attention of President Roosevelt, charging that the gigantic land frauds where-by the Union Pacific Railroad company and the Union Pacific Coal company secured illegally coal lands in the state of Wyoming valued at many millions of dollars were perpetuated with the full knowledge of the Government Land Office, if not with its connivance and were known, if not tacitly assented to, by the Department of the Interior. The affidavits are made by Artemis J. Smith, of Smith & Bradbury, dealers in mines and mining at Denver.

The papers are supplemental to a petition and other affidavits which were filed by Mr. Smith with the Land Office in Washington early in 1903, and they make a demand upon the department to start proceedings for the recovery of all the sequestered lands.

Charges Are Sensational.

The charges made by Mr. Smith are sensational in the extreme and call into question the integrity of William A. Richards, Government Land Commissioner, and of others high in the employ of the government. It was the knowledge of the earlier charges made by Mr. Smith which led to the investigation made by the Interstate Commerce Commission recently at Omaha, Salt Lake City and Denver, and by which fraudulent land deals of great magnitude were uncovered.

In pursuing the investigation the Interstate Commerce Commission was exceedingly careful not to uncover the fact that these steals and all the details connected with them, together with names and dates and amounts paid for perjury, has been in the possession of the Department of the Interior for more than three years. Acting under the suggestion of Government officials, the Commission carefully avoided exposing or making an attack upon a coordinate branch of the government.

Emboldened by the disclosures of the Commission, Mr. Smith has again appealed to the Department of the Interior for justice, declaring that he has a prospective interest in the lands in question and that he desires to assert and protect this interest.

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Lease for New Headquarters In Murdoch Block Is Approved -- Movement Started for Issuance of Another Pamphlet

Through some mysterious agency, unheralded and unseen, oil was poured on the troubled waters of the Chamber of Commerce and the expected disintegration did not happen. On the contrary it seems to have taken a new lease of life, and, if outward appearances indicate anything, it bids fair to continue as an important factor in the progress and prosperity of Klamath county.

The meeting was one of the most largely attended for sometime, and it is hoped is a sign of the time—an indication of a re-awakening of a drooping spirit that has shown a disposition to become permanently enveloped in innocuous desuetude. Either through indifference or premeditated action, the business interests of the town almost as a whole, manifested a desire to lay the organization to sleep, and some would not weep if its last resting place was not marked with the customary requiescat in pace. Be that as it may, some kindly physician has administered a reviving hypo of saline solution and if this is followed by allopathic doses of local pride, the Chamber of Commerce may become what it should be—the beacon light of civic progress.

The annoying question of headquarters was permanently settled last evening, when the lease of the Murdoch block was unanimously endorsed, and committees on furnishing and management appointed. It was thought that this would split and scatter the organization, but apparently the fears were groundless, and now that this much mooted subject has been disposed of, it is up to the citizens of Klamath county to forget everything but the material welfare of this Inland Empire. It has been said that great disputes bring forth great characters, and if the internecine strife just quieted will have this effect it will have served a good purpose. And it no doubt will have such a result, for no matter what may be said of the individuals idiosyncrasies of the people of this city, they will always be found shoulder to shoulder when the question of the growth and welfare of the county is at stake.

The question of publicity again came up for discussion, and a committee was appointed to raise funds for another pamphlet. \$250 are now in the treasury and an effort will be made to raise an equal amount to be used in delaying the expense incident is the issuance of 10,000 copies of a new pamphlet.

NEW TRAIN

The Southern Pacific has placed a third train in service between Portland and San Francisco, with a 31-hour schedule—five hours shorter than the two now in operation.

The new train will start from San Francisco at 3:40 p. m. and from Portland at 11 p. m., and will arrive at those terminals at 9:48 a. m. and 10:50 p. m., respectively, on a 31-hour schedule, which is five hours shorter than the present running time of overland trains 15 and 16.

The new train will be a first-class passenger, with tourist sleeper and a dining car, with an additional tourist sleeper added at Davis for the travel out of Sacramento, the regular route of the new train being on the west side of the Sacramento river.

No official notification of or schedule for the new train had been received up to today by the officials of the S. P. Company at division headquarters at Ashland. The arrival and departure time at terminals given in the newspaper announcements would bring the new train to Ashland from the south at about 10:30 a. m., and from Portland at about 3 p. m.—Ashland Tidings.