

## RAISE REVENUES

### Occupation Tax Pro- posed by Council

### CONDITIONS DEMAND IT

### Method Must be Adopted to Meet Expenses of Run- ning City Government

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the City Council was held Monday night with every member present, except President Maston, who was granted a 30 days leave of absence. The following bills were allowed and ordered paid:

K. F. Light & Water Co.	\$140 32
K. F. Light & Water Co. Jan.	132 32
Stilts Co. supplies	15 00
Kenyon Transfer Co., drayage	18 25
Dr. Merryman, Johnson case	10 00
T. E. Griffith, watchman at fire	2 50
Special police	75 00
C. C. Low, Chief of Police	90 00
Jas. J. Hart, police	35 00
J. W. Siemens, Treasurer	12 50
E. E. Jamieson, Police	75 00
Don J. Zumwalt, engineer and rodman, Dec. and Jan.	35 37
J. F. Goeller, windows, etc.	24 40
E. W. Wakefield, labor	2 50
Vernie Houston, labor	2 50
Dr. Stone, Johnson case	10 00
C. F. Stone, city atty.	25 00
Chas. Adams, work on street	11 25
K. F. Roller Mills, cross walks	6 00
W. E. Bowdoin, printing	8 00
East End Blacksmith Shop, repairs	24 50
Owen McGuire, sharpening saws	1 00
A. L. Leavitt, police judge	33 33

Total \$792 74

Petitions were granted for sidewalks from the corner of Walnut and Seventh along the property belonging to Wid-  
does, Carey and DeLap. Along north-  
west side of Pine for the length of block  
5, and on westerly side of block 94 on  
Sixth, between Oak and Flinn. A peti-  
tion to secure undedicated portion of  
Jefferson street between Second and  
Third and open same for street, was re-  
ferred to street committee. Street  
lights were ordered on Second street at  
the corners of Jefferson, Lincoln and  
Grant.

A resolution was passed, opposed by  
Bennett, granting the Klamath Falls  
Land & Transportation Company the  
privilege of discontinuing their street  
car service from the present time until  
April 15, 1908.

The request of the fire boys was  
granted for equipment, consisting of  
twenty-four coats, thirty-six caps, eight  
pair of blankets, nine pair of overalls,  
and eight pair of rubber boots, and  
Chief Oliver was instructed to purchase  
same.

An ordinance, introduced by Stilts,  
providing for the regulation and licens-  
ing of drays was passed to its second  
reading.

On motion of Schallock, the liquor or-

dinance, previously before the Council,  
was laid on the table indefinitely. The  
amount of the license has been left  
blank and there is a diversity of feeling  
in regard to raising the license at  
present.

The first of what is believed to be a  
series of ordinances to increase the re-  
venue of the city was introduced at the  
last meeting of the City Council. The  
ordinance provides for the regulation  
and licensing of the business of  
draying within the city. A tax of \$25 is  
imposed for the first truck or wagon, \$15  
for the second, and \$10 for each addi-  
tional one, owned by each person or cor-  
poration, whether operated by animal,  
steam or electrical power. The penalty  
for each violation of the ordinance is to  
be a fine of from \$5 to \$25, or imprison-  
ment not to exceed five days, or both  
fine and imprisonment.

A number of the Council, particularly  
the Mayor and Councilman Stilts, are  
outspoken in favor of an occupation tax,  
which will provide a revenue to help  
meet city expenses. It is proposed to  
have the City Attorney draw up ordi-  
nances to be introduced, providing for  
an annual license tax on all business in  
the city, the tax to be based on the  
amount of stock carried or business  
done.

Recorder Leavitt called the attention  
of the Council to the fact that in a mat-  
ter of eight or ten years the city would  
be called upon to pay the \$10,000 water  
bonds, which will then be due. As yet  
no provision had been made to liquidate  
this indebtedness. The franchise to the  
water company provides for the forma-  
tion of a "sinking fund," which is to be  
used in paying off the principle. As yet  
nothing has been placed to the credit of  
this fund.

Mayor Bishop stated that he had  
under consideration a policy of increas-  
ing the revenue, which he would prob-  
ably bring before the next meeting. In  
the meantime he would go over the  
water company franchise, with the City  
Attorney, and be ready to make some  
suggestions toward getting the city out  
of debt.

### Shipping About Over

The shipping season for cattle from  
Klamath county is about over according  
to the statement of Charles Horton, one  
of the largest resident cattlemen.

Since August 4, 1907, the number of  
cattle driven to Montague and Gaselle,  
for shipment to the Oakland, Sacra-  
mento and San Francisco markets, has  
been 18,686 and there remains about  
3000 more which are to be shipped soon.  
About half of this number were  
shipped by J. C. Mitchell, 1850 by Hor-  
ton and the balance by Louis Gerber  
and Swanson & Son. Horton has 600  
more ready for market.

At a low estimate the value of the  
beef shipments is placed at over \$650,-  
000. This does not include the cattle  
driven out of the Fort country by way  
of Ashland, Medford and other northern  
points.

California buyers are fully apprecia-  
tive of the superior quality of cattle  
raised in the Klamath country and our  
beef always commands the highest mar-  
ket price. A prominent California buyer  
remarked of a band of cattle recently  
shipped from here: "That is the finest  
bunch of cattle I have seen this year."

### Buy a Home

Adjoining the new fair ground; two and  
one-half acres or more, best of garden  
land. Two and one-half acres is equal  
to twenty lots 50x135 feet. If times are  
good or bad you can always make a  
good living from it. Price reasonable,  
and terms easy. See  
L. JACOBS, Owner.



"The Railroad is Comin', B' Gosh"

### Firemen's Ball

The Klamath Falls fire department  
have decided to give their annual "Fire-  
men's Ball" on March 17th.

At an adjourned meeting held Tuesday  
evening, committees were appointed on  
invitation, floor and arrangements, and  
instructed to commence work at once  
laying plans for one of the biggest balls  
ever given in Klamath Falls. The boys  
are full of enthusiasm over the coming  
annual event and nothing will be left  
undone to make this a greater  
social and financial success than the one  
of last year.

Besides the equipment recently ordered  
by the city, the boys authorized the  
purchase of three dozen shirts, to be  
paid for out of their own fund. These  
shirts as well as other equipment will be  
tagged with the imprint of the fire de-  
partment and are to be used by the boys  
only when on duty as firemen. About  
half of the rubber coats were brought in  
to be tagged, and it is desired that the  
rest be returned without delay.

Ed Wakefield was elected foreman of  
Hose Company No. 2. The other com-  
panies have not held their election yet.  
Zim Baldwin was given the contract for  
putting in the bath tub and coils.

### Valley Filling Fast

According to the statement of W. R.  
Davis, of Brownell, who is in the city  
today, the Butte Creek valley is fast  
filling up with settlers, and farm lands  
in that vicinity are commanding a good  
price.

Mr. Davis says that there is to be two  
more excursions from the East in the  
near future. The first will arrive on  
the seventh of this month and about  
the 13th of March, three coaches of  
homesteaders will be brought in over the  
new line as far as Macdoel. This point  
is 15 miles distant from Bray, the present  
terminal of the railroad, and early  
in March the railroad company will  
have the track laid and the road in op-  
eration to that place.

A large force has been added to the  
tract laying crew and each day the road  
is fast reaching out toward Dorris to  
which place it will be completed by the  
first of May.

The Masons' Lodge are making great  
improvements in their lodge rooms in  
the Willets building. The hall carpets  
have been taken up and renovated and  
the paper hangers and painters are busy  
transforming the appearance of the in-  
terior. This lodge has been very active  
lately and members from all over the  
county come in to attend the communi-  
cations.

### Mahem the Charge

Constable Slate, of Merrill, arrived in  
the city at 2 o'clock Wednesday, hav-  
ing in custody Fred Liskey, whom he  
turned over to Sheriff Obenchain for  
safe keeping at the county jail. Liskey  
was convicted of mayhem on the person  
of Ira McCall, and was placed under  
\$500 bonds by Justice Shorten, to  
await the convening of the Circuit Court.

Liskey is what is known as a "bad  
man" and has been causing considerable  
trouble in the vicinity of Merrill. The  
day before his last crime he was re-  
leased from a 10 day's sentence in the  
Merrill jail for beating up some In-  
dians.

The people of our neighboring town  
are considerably worked up over the af-  
fair and expressions are freely given in  
favor of a long term in the penitentiary.  
In the fight which took place between  
the two men, McCall had one of his  
ears bitten completely off, and he will be  
left disfigured for life. Both men are  
reported to be of a rather quarrelsome  
nature. This is the second time Liskey  
has chewed an ear off of a man.

### Serious Accident

Last Tuesday John Ratliff, Sr., fell  
from his wagon while coming down  
Stukel mountain and struck his head  
against a pile of rocks, knocking him  
unconscious. The wagon, loaded with  
a cord of wood, ran over his legs, badly  
bruising but not breaking them. Chas.  
Merrill, who was hunting for cattle,  
noticed the team standing still on the  
hillside without a driver. Riding up he  
discovered the unconscious body of Mr.  
Ratliff, and hurriedly dismounting, suc-  
ceeded in reviving him. He at once  
went for aid and the injured man was  
taken to his home, where he was ex-  
amined by Dr. Alex. Patterson. It was  
found that no bones were broken, and  
aside from the bruises sustained and the  
shock there was nothing serious. Mr.  
Ratliff remembered only that he fell  
from the wagon. It is probable that  
Mr. Merrill discovered him a few min-  
utes after the accident.—Merrill Record.

Representative Ellis has again taken  
up with the reclamation service the  
question of establishing an experi-  
mental farm in the Umatilla irrigation  
project to demonstrate the best method  
of irrigation and the best crops to plant.  
He was told that 40 acres had been set  
aside for this purpose. Later he was  
assured by the Secretary of Agricul-  
ture that his department would at once  
take charge of the farm and carry on  
demonstration work during the coming  
season.

### Stole Overcoats

Wm. Monroe, a recent arrival in the  
city, stole two overcoats from Willson's  
office Monday, belonging to Bill Fee  
and Tom Brickell. Representing them  
as his own property he secured five dol-  
lars on one at the Lakeside Inn bar and  
two dollars for the other at Houston's.  
About 11 o'clock he was reported as hav-  
ing left the city, going in the direction  
of Keno. Mont Hutchison was depu-  
tized by the Sheriff, and armed with a  
warrant left on the 4 o'clock boat in  
pursuit. Monroe was found at Keno  
and brought back to this city, and will  
be given a preliminary hearing at 9  
o'clock tomorrow morning.

Wm. Monroe, who was arrested Tues-  
day morning at Keno, on a charge of  
stealing two overcoats from Willson's  
saigon, had a preliminary hearing be-  
fore County Judge Griffith at 1:30  
o'clock this afternoon. Deputy District  
Attorney Stone appeared for the prose-  
cution, while H. W. Keezee represented  
the defendant.

A plea of not guilty was entered by  
the defense and the contention made  
that the theft was not committed from  
an office, as charged in the complaint,  
but from the hall. Thos. Newton, C. D.  
Willson, Ben Smith and Sheriff Oben-  
chain testified as witnesses for the prose-  
cution. As no defense was put up, the  
Judge bound Monroe over to the Circuit  
Court. The amount of bail has not  
been fixed yet, but will probably be \$500.

### Railroad's Lands

Final preparations are being made for  
the institution of suits against the South-  
ern Pacific railroad for the forfeiture of  
its immense land grants in Oregon, in-  
volving property estimated all the way  
from \$30,000,000 to \$80,000,000 in value  
and comprising some of the finest tim-  
ber land in the State.

Several months ago the department of  
justice began gathering evidence for this  
litigation, and special representatives  
were sent to Oregon for the purpose of  
searching the records and procuring de-  
scriptions of all lands sold by the rail-  
road company since the original grant.  
With this preliminary information in  
hand, the department is now ready to  
begin suit.

Thousands of people in western Ore-  
gon are waiting with the deepest inter-  
est to learn the nature of the proceed-  
ings which the Government proposes to  
bring against the Southern Pacific rail-  
road on account of its failure to observe  
the conditions of its land grants in this  
State. If the suit should be in the na-  
ture of a sweeping demand for a nullifi-  
cation of the entire grant, it would un-

settle the title to thousands of acres  
bought in good faith by genuine settlers,  
who have put substantial improvements  
upon the land. If on the other hand  
the suit should be in the nature of a de-  
mand for specific performance of the  
conditions under which the railroad re-  
ceived the grant, a horde of speculators  
stand ready to jump in and file claims  
on the railroad lands, expecting to ac-  
quire at \$2.50 an acre land worth from  
ten to twenty times that amount.

### Invited to Oregon

Portland business men have deter-  
mined to make a united and most enthu-  
siastic effort to secure from the Trans-  
continental Passenger Association a  
special rate through to Portland and  
other points in the Pacific Northwest for  
delegates and others who will attend the  
National Democratic Convention to be  
held in the metropolis of Colorado  
next July. This was the topic of a  
meeting held at the parlors of the Port-  
land Commercial Club Friday night, and  
letters were forwarded Saturday to the  
meeting of the passenger agents now in  
session at Coronado Beach, California.  
The round-trip rates that will be in  
vogue from Portland and other Oregon  
points to Denver will make it easy to or-  
ganize a party of representative business  
men from all parts of the State and send  
them on a special train to Denver, where  
an extraordinary effort will be made to  
convince the delegates in attendance  
upon the convention of the special at-  
tractions of the Oregon climate during  
the hot season.

A very unique advertising circular has  
been received by this office from the  
Commercial Club of Eugene, entitled  
"The Best Trump of All," with an ace  
of diamonds beneath, then "Eugene,  
Lane County, Oregon." On the inside  
of the circular is printed a list of Eu-  
gene's attractions and advantages as a  
place for homeseekers. These are en-  
closed in a small envelope on the back  
of which is printed: "Personal—Don't  
try to play poker with this deck.—Eu-  
gene." The circular is the size and  
shape of a playing card. It is a very  
unique scheme.

Representative Hawley has an-  
nounced that on or about February 14  
an examination will be conducted at  
Eugene by Prof. Alderman and Senator  
Kuykendall, open to all candidates from  
the first congressional district who de-  
sire appointment to the Annapolis Naval  
Academy, the exact date to be an-  
nounced later.

The candidate making the best show-  
ing in the examination, both physical  
and mental, will receive Representative  
Hawley's appointment as midshipman,  
and the three next best will be appoint-  
ed alternates in the order of rating.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Heitkemper, Jr., cel-  
ebrated the tenth anniversary of their  
marriage Monday and in honor of  
the occasion entertained a few of their  
friends at their home on Ewanna  
Heights. The evening was a most en-  
joyable one, made doubly so by the  
lavish gifts given by the guests. In  
addition to these many useful articles of  
the tin family were presented to the  
host and hostess. Whist was played  
and delicious refreshments were served.  
The guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. J.  
Brennan, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Zumwalt,  
Mr. and Mrs. George Noland, Mr. and  
Mrs. R. S. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Alex.  
Martin, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Underwood  
and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Murray.

## DIRECTORS MEETING

### Many Inquiries from Homeseekers

### DEMAND FOR LITERATURE

### Board Decides to Issue a Small Pamphlet Covering the Usual Questions

The regular monthly meeting of the  
directors of the Klamath Water Users  
was held at their office Saturday.  
Those in attendance were: President  
Alex. Martin, Jr., Vice Pres. O. A.  
Stearns, Directors Rueck, Stevenson and  
Williams. J. F. Adams and W. C.  
Dalton were absent at Tule Lake with  
Engineer Murphy. H. T. Anderson was  
sick and D. F. Driscoll was unable to be  
present. Only the regular routine of  
business was gone through and a few  
recommendations for the considera-  
tion of the Reclamation Service passed.

There has always been a strong op-  
position among the members against ap-  
propriating money for advertising the  
county, but as the office is being con-  
tinually flooded with letters of inquiry,  
it is believed something will have to be  
done. The secretary has always sent  
personal answers to the letters, but it  
has been found very unsatisfactory and  
almost impossible to cover the ground  
in a single letter and answer fully  
all the questions asked. Figures  
are to be obtained on the cost of a pam-  
phlet, which will contain all the facts in  
a more compact and definite shape,  
regarding the work and lands under the  
project. These could be mailed in re-  
sponse to inquiries and would be a  
great saving in time and expense, and  
bring good results to every land owner  
under the project.

### Would Held Rebuild

Klamath Falls is liable to have a rush  
of carpenters to this place if the follow-  
ing letter is any indication of the im-  
pression prevailing on the outside in re-  
gard to the result of the recent fire.

"To Chief of Fire Department:  
Dear Sir: As I have had an offer  
a job as house builder, would thank you  
very much if you would please write  
and let me know the extent of the fire  
you had there sometime ago. Thanking  
you for any information you might give  
me, I remain  
Yours respectfully,  
HARRY HANSEN.

J. Peterson of Newark, South Dakota,  
arrived in the city Friday and left  
Saturday for the timber country be-  
yond Dairy, where he is interested in  
some property. Evidently South Da-  
kota has a few bad days occasionally as  
Mr. Peterson did not seem to see any-  
thing unusual in the cold spell we have  
had the past few days. He was drawn  
out by one of Straw's teams.

## YOUR FAITHFUL WATCH

Will you give it to one who is not quali-  
fied, to repair or clean? Or will you  
leave it with me, which assures you  
good honest work with a responsible  
guarantee? :: :: :: ::

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