

WILL PURCHASE FIRE APPARATUS

ORDINANCE INTRODUCED FOR
THAT PURPOSE LAST NIGHT

VOTE ON THE QUESTION SOON

Bonds in the Sum of \$8,000 Are to
Be Issued to Provide Suitable
Fire Protection

In order that Klamath Falls may have suitable fire protection the question of issuing bonds in the sum of \$8,000 for that purpose will be submitted to the voters of this city before long. At the meeting of council Thursday night an ordinance providing for the issuance of bonds in that sum and calling for an election to determine the question was introduced and passed to its second reading.

In order to provide suitable fire protection it will be necessary to purchase a hose cart, hose, equipment of various kinds, and the installation of fire alarm system which can be added to as the city grows. A bell large enough to warn the entire city is contemplated in the improvements, and if the bonds are carried Klamath Falls will be provided with a suitable fire fighting equipment to adequately protect the city for several years to come, and which will undoubtedly materially reduce the rate of insurance now in force in this city.

An ordinance was also introduced providing for the filling of the alley from Second to Third streets between Main and Klamath avenue. The objections to the improvement will be heard on Monday, October 31st. If this improvement is made it will be possible to drive from Second to Third streets through this alley, something that cannot be done now.

Councilmen Wilkins, Castel, Willets, Obenchain, Stansbie and Stone were present when Mayor Sanderson called the meeting to order.

Building Permits

The following building permits were asked for and granted:

Grant Lincoln—To erect one-story six-room bungalow, concrete basement and cement floors; approximate cost, \$2,500, on lot 4, block 9.

The K. D. Co.—To excavate for pipe line to Federal National bank building.

Garrett F. Acteson—To erect a 1½ story cottage on lot 8, block 19.

Miss Sadie Huff—To erect a frame dwelling on lot 1, block 66, Nichols addition, approximate cost \$1,200.

J. L. Poole—To erect a 10-room frame dwelling on lot 14, block 16, Second Railroad addition.

Alex McDonald—To erect a 5-room frame cottage on lot 4, block 6, Canal addition.

Mrs. C. O. Wilbur—To erect a 2-room house on lot 5, block 42, Nichols addition.

John Bauer—To erect addition to chicken house on Janssen property.

H. M. Bristol—To erect one-story concrete building on lots 1 and 2, block 34, original town (on Main street, between Fifth and Sixth streets).

J. S. Evans—To build lumber shop on lots 1 and 2, block 1, Hollister addition, size of building 14x18.

C. S. and R. S. Moore—To erect addition to power house, 24x32 feet in size, also to move dwelling on same lot.

Chas. S. Moore—To build a room on an unplatted tract of ground near the present terminus of the Keno canal.

Petitions

A petition asking the council to order a sidewalk on the westerly side of Seventh street from block 41 was received. It was signed by J. A. Thompson, W. J. Winters, S. E. McGowan, Mrs. F. E. Boyd, W. S. Shive, Bert Withrow and F. W. Ritchie.

A sidewalk was ordered constructed on the northerly side of Washington street from Second street to Fifth. The application of Charles P. Leon for the position of paving inspector was placed on file.

Ordinances

The ordinance creating the office of a paving inspector was passed.

The ordinance providing for the improvement of the alley between Second and Third streets, between Main street and Klamath avenue, was introduced and passed to its second reading.

An ordinance calling for an election to consider the voting of bonds in the sum of \$8,000 to be used in the purchase of necessary fire apparatus and equipment, was introduced and passed to its second reading.

W. W. Masten wanted to know if something could not be done in the

way of issuing warrants to pay for the work which has been done.

The city recorder was instructed to have blank warrants printed for the purpose of paying for the work as it is being completed.

Councilman Stansbie wanted the sewer extended on Ninth street to accommodate the property owners there.

W. S. Gifford wanted a bridge placed across the canal at foot of Worden avenue, so as to avoid the necessity of making a wide detour to get down town.

Council adjourned to meet again Monday night.

AN IMPORTANT DECISION
BY TREASURY OFFICIALS

Defines What Constitutes "Funded
Indebtedness" and the "Valua-
tion of Taxable Property"

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 17.—A decision which may establish a precedent in municipal financial arrangements has been handed down by treasury department officials in a controversy over a provision in the Aldrich-Vreeland currency law, upon which experts differed.

The law provides that emergency currency may be issued by national banks on the security of bonds of a municipality or district "whose funded indebtedness does not exceed 10 per cent of the valuation of its taxable property, to be ascertained by the last preceding valuation of property for taxation."

The problem concerned the definition of "net funded indebtedness" and "valuation of its taxable property." The treasury decision is:

"The phrase 'net funded indebtedness' is held to mean the entire bonded debt of a municipality, less any bonds not yet sold, or any bonds purchased and not canceled, as for sinking fund account.

"The phrase 'valuation of its taxable property' is construed to mean the valuation of taxable property as estimated by the assessor. Where the law prescribes that the assessors shall estimate the value of all property subject to taxation at its actual value, and that the taxes shall be assessed at a fraction of such value, the valuation of taxable property is understood to mean the actual valuation as estimated by the assessors. Where, however, the law makes no distinction between actual and taxable value of property the 'valuation of taxable property' is construed to mean the taxable value upon which the actual taxes are levied."

EXCAVATING FOR THE FOUNDATION

H. M. BRISTOL WILL PUT UP NEW
STRUCTURE

Will Be One-Story Concrete, and Have
a Frontage of Seventy-Eight
Feet on Main Street

The workmen are busy today excavating for the new building which H. M. Bristol is to erect on the north side of Main street, between Fifth and Sixth. The new structure will be of monolithic concrete, the same as the building he is erecting next to the Portland Store, and will be one story in height.

The building will have a frontage of seventy-eight feet on Main street, and be ninety-four feet in depth. It will be divided into three rooms, and the foundations will be made so that additional stories can be erected if desired at a later date.

Mr. Bristol intends to have both the buildings completed as soon as possible, so that he can have them occupied before the winter sets in.

The Home Realty company is to occupy one of the rooms, but the use to which the others have been put is not stated.

DR. CRIPPEN AND MISS
LENEVE ARE INDICTED

Doctor Is Charged With Murder in
the First Degree and Miss Le-
neve as Accessory

LONDON, Oct. 14.—Dr. H. H. Crippen was indicted today by the grand jury on a charge of murder in the first degree. Miss Ethel Claire Leneve, his typist and his companion in his flight to Canada, following the discovery of the body of Mrs. Belle Crippen, was indicted as an accessory after the fact, on the ground that she had guilty knowledge of the alleged crime.

If Crippen is found guilty on the indictment he will be hanged. If a jury convicts Miss Leneve she will get a prison term of considerable length. Everything is in readiness for the trial of Crippen and Miss Leneve, as far as the case for the crown is concerned. It is thought possible that the defendants' attorneys will seek a further delay, but it is likely that the case will go on trial without delay.

GREAT INCREASE IN VALUATION

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION RE-
VIEWS ASSESSMENTS

HIGHER BY FOUR MILLION DOLLARS

Protest Over the Rate of the Assess-
ment Must Be Brought in
This Week

The board of equalization, consisting of County Judge Griffith, County Clerk DeLap and County Assessor Lee, met Monday, and will be in session a month unless the work is completed before that time. All persons who believe their assessment is too high can come in this week and file their protest in writing, but after next Saturday no appeal can be taken from the action of the board unless the protest is filed with the county clerk within the present week.

The total valuation at which the property has been assessed this year has increased enormously over what it was last year. In fact the increase has been over one-third, taking last year's figures as the basis. The total assessment valuation last year was \$9,713,320. This year it is \$13,639,366, divided as follows:

Personal property ... \$1,844,234
Acreage property ... 8,427,453
Town lots ... 3,367,679

Total ... \$13,639,369
These figures are exclusive of rail road property.

THREATEN TO DYNAMITE THE SPANISH CONSULATE

Official Does Not Believe There Will
Be a Revolution in Alfonso's
Country

United Press Service.
NEW YORK, Oct. 13.—Emilio Perelra, the Spanish consul general here, has received letters threatening to dynamite the consulate today. He said:

"I do not think there will be a revolution in Spain. The army and navy are loyal. Spain has had an experience with a republic, and does not like it."

MANY VESSELS HAVE FOUNDERED

SCORES DROWNED IN FIERCE
HURRICANE

Sixteen Passengers and Sailors Perish
When Steamer Goes Down—
Seas Are Tremendous

LONDON, Oct. 14.—The fiercest hurricane that has occurred in years is now sweeping over England and Ireland and the coasts are strewn with the wreckage from the vessels that have been cast ashore. The wind is increasing in violence and the probability is that many more vessels will be lost before the storm ceases.

It is reported that over 150 passengers have perished already. Many large vessels have foundered, and scores of fishing smacks are missing. Corpses of the drowned sailors are being washed ashore.

Sixteen passengers and sailors perished when the steamer Heathfield foundered in the North Sea. The steamer Craford is missing off Hartlepool, and is believed that twenty of those on board of her are dead. Over a dozen steamers are stranded with their decks awash, and the crews are clinging to the rigging. The seas are tremendous, and the lifesavers are unable to launch the boats.

DISCOVER THE CAUSE OF RISE IN PRICE OF MILK

Farmers Want Extra Pay for Starting
to Work in the Middle of
the Night

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 14.—The unwillingness of farmers to get up at 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning and milk a large herd of cows with delivery of milk at the nearest railroad station at 6 a. m., is one of the main factors alleged by local purchasers to be responsible for the recent increase in the retail price of the fluid.

An advance of 1 cent on the quart was announced a few days ago, and it was followed yesterday with the unwelcome tidings that cream, so indispensable for the porridge bowl, had followed the advance with a vengeance, the increase amounting to a cent on the half pint, or 4 cents on the quart.

Charles E. Pattee and F. E. White came in from their ranches near Royston last Thursday.

ARMY BOARD TO REPORT SOON

RESULT OF INSPECTION KNOWN
NEXT MONTH

PLEASED WITH KLAMATH PROJECT

Investigated From Two Standpoints,
That of Engineers' and of
Land Valuation

The result of the report of the board of army engineers who visited the Klamath irrigation project the last of September is awaited in this vicinity with a great deal of interest. While the actual report will not be made public, the result thereof will be made known soon after the secretary of the interior receives it. The board reports to Secretary Ballinger, and he acts on their decision as to the feasibility of the various projects they have inspected. The board will be in Washington about the first of November, and it is expected that their report will be acted on by the last of that month. The text of their report will probably never be made public, but the result will be shown by the continuance of work now under way or contemplated or by the discontinuance of that which will not bear the costs of the contemplated improvements.

The engineers will make their report from two standpoints. One is from that of the engineer, as to whether the work can be done or not. The other is from that of the valuation of the land, whether it will stand the expense of the reclamation and repay the expense of the work necessary to put water on the land. Both of these phases will be considered by them.

The Klamath people expect a favorable report from the engineers as, while they would not make any direct statement while they were here, they expressed themselves as being well pleased with the project, and even intimated that it made the most satisfactory showing of any they had examined.

One thing that is not generally understood here is that practically all of the land must be signed up or their report from the second standpoint, that of valuation, will be of no avail. They may state that the land can bear the expense, but if all the land in the project contemplated to be improved is not signed up the cost per acre of what is willing to be irrigated will be so great as to be prohibitive.

The lands of some of the units of the Klamath project will not be irrigated from any of the funds embraced in the report to be made by the board of engineers because they have been released and probably enough who are willing to pay the price and have the government do the work will not sign for the project, and in that case the cost per acre would be so great as to be prohibitive, whereas, if all signed up the cost per acre would not be excessive.

In some of the other units a sufficient number of owners will sign to make the acre cost reasonable and the water will be brought to their lands.

Under the Keno ditch the project is feasible both from an engineering standpoint and from that of acre valuation, provided all of the land owners signify their willingness to pay the price for the water.

While the greater discussion has been over the lands to be irrigated by the gravity means of applying the water, at the same time the scheme of pumping the water to a higher level and irrigating the bench lands between this city and Lost River gap is feasible both from an engineering standpoint and from that of acre valuation, provided all of the land owners sign up their acreage. The same is true of the bench land between Midland and Merrill.

Abel Ady, who is conversant with the project in all its phases, said:

"The trouble is that the people have not born in mind the fact that all of the land must be signed up, or at least such a large proportion as to make the acre cost low enough, so that it will be a safe investment of the government funds from a business standpoint. The money must be paid back, and unless a sufficient number sign up to make the acre cost low enough it will not be safe for the government to put the money into the project and thus those who are not willing to pay the price may keep those who are willing and who need the water, from getting it."

"They overlook the fact that land which may bring 10 per cent on a \$20 valuation now without water, would bring that much on a \$150 valuation after the water is applied, but some of the owners are satisfied with a low return on their lands if they make a living thereby, overlooking the fact that they would have to work less

hard and have money in the bank besides, by getting the water on their lands, farming a lesser area and making as much money from the smaller acreage cultivated and at the same time realize the interest from the money they received from the sale of their lands. Forty acres watered and well tilled is worth 400 acres without water, and the owner of the 400 acres could realize a neat sum from the 260 acres he could sell at a handsome price if the water were on it."

At any rate, the report of the board of army engineers, or rather the result of the report, is awaited with eagerness by the land owners of the Klamath project.

BELIEVE A CLEW IS FOUND TO DYNAMITERS

Woman Overhears Conversation Be-
tween the Men Bryson and Mor-
ris at Her Home

United Press Service

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 13.—The police are inclined to believe the statement of Mrs. D. H. Ingersoll that she heard the men going under the names of Bryson and Morris discussing the Times dynamiting in a room in her house, overhearing their conversation through a transom. They are endeavoring to ascertain why she had not told the police sooner. Meanwhile they are investigating the matter. The woman alleges that she gave the police a definite clew, and says the men were printers from Chicago, where the plot originated. They separated after the dynamiting.

End of the Strike

PARIS, Oct. 13.—An urgency session of the deputies of the department of the Seine has been called for tomorrow to end the lawlessness of the Paris strike.

HOMESTEADERS WIN THEIR FIGHT

DECIDED THEY MAY HOLD THE
CLAIMS FOUGHT FOR

THE LAND INVOLVED IS VALUABLE

Cases Were Heard Before Commis-
sioner Richardson—Land Lies
West of the Upper Lake

LAKEVIEW, Ore., Oct. 17.—The register and recorder at Lakeview have rendered decisions in the land contest cases that were recently held before Commissioner Richardson in Klamath Falls. The decision in each case is against the timber and stone applicant and in favor of the homestead entryman. The land involved in this litigation lies in township 37, range 7, on the west side of Upper Klamath Lake, and is considered valuable.

PRESIDENT TAFT WILL VISIT THE CANAL

Goes to Cincinnati to Vote and Then
Will Board a Warship for
the Isthmus

BEVERLY, Oct. 13.—Following a conference with Colonel Goethals, President Taft decided this afternoon that he would visit Panama soon. He goes to Cincinnati to vote, and later will board a warship at Charleston, S. C., and proceed to the canal zone.

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