

FRANCHISES ARE GIVEN AWAY

LIGHT FOR FIFTY YEARS, WATER FOR TWENTY-FIVE

Ordinance Authorizing Mayor and Council to Contract for Lights for Ten Years Introduced

The city council, at its meeting last week, granted the Klamath Falls Light and Water company an electric lighting and power franchise for a period of fifty years.

On motion of Stone, seconded by Castel, the city reserved the right to fix the rates to be charged after a period of ten years, and on each five years thereafter.

On motion of Castel, seconded by Stone, the ordinance granting the franchise was passed by the following vote:

Yes—Castel, Oberchain, Willits, Stone, Summers, Faught, Waldron and Stansbie.

The ordinance authorizing the mayor and council to make a contract between the city and the Klamath Falls Light and Water company for the lighting of the city streets and public buildings for a term of ten years was passed to its second reading and read by title only.

The ordinance granting the Klamath Falls Light and Water company a franchise to supply water to the city and its inhabitants for a period of twenty-five years was passed by the following vote:

Yes—Castel, Oberchain, Willits, Stone, Stansbie, Faught, Waldron and Summers.

By the terms of the franchise the city surrenders all of its rights in the old company in consideration of the cancellation of the \$10,000 6 per cent bonds issued by the city in 1895 to H. V. Gates, to aid in the construction of the water works, and which will mature in 1915, or to pay the city \$10,000 in cash in the event the bonds cannot be secured by April 10, 1911.

Rates for Water

The following are in part the rates which will be charged for water:

Monthly Rates

Bakeries	1.50
Barber shops, first chair	1.00
Each additional chair	.25
Bath tubs, private families	.50
Additional tub	.25
Bath tubs, in hotels, etc.	1.00
Additional tubs	.50
Breweries	10.00
Butcher shops	1.50
Dwellings	1.00
Closet	.50
Additional closet	.25
Bath tub	.50
Additional tub	.25
Feed yards	5.00
Hotels, five rooms or less	3.00
Each additional room	.10
Irrigation—Sprinkling yard or sidewalk, etc., first 25 feet frontage	1.00
25 to 37 1/2 feet front	1.50
37 1/2 to 50 feet front	2.00
Hours of use, 6 to 8 a.m., 6 to 8 p.m.	
Laundries, public	3.00
Offices, each	.50
Photograph galleries	2.00
Printing offices	1.00
Public halls or theaters	1.00
Private halls	1.00
Saloons	2.00
Stables—Private, each horse and cow, including carriage washing	.75
Each additional head	.25
Watering stock in connection with residence, team	.25
Each additional head	.10
Stables, livery	5.00
Steam engines, 5 h.p. or less	2.00
Each additional h.p.	.10
Boiler for steam heating	1.00
Stores	1.00
Drug stores	1.50
Urinals	.25
Urinals in hotels, etc.	.50
Water closets in hotels, etc.	1.00
Each additional closet	1.00
In stores	1.00
In private houses	.50
Meter Rates	
First 25,000 gal., 30c per 1,000 gal.	
Next 25,000 gal., 25c per 1,000 gal.	
Next 50,000 gal., 20c per 1,000 gal.	
Next 200,000 gal., 15c per 1,000 gal.	
Minimum charge, \$1.00 for flat rates.	

INITIATIVE AND RECALL WILL ALSO BE EMBODIED

Second of the Most Important Administration Bills Will Be Up for Discussion

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 19.—The second most important administration bill, providing for the initiative, referendum and recall, is ready to present to the legislature. It provides for two constitutional amendments.

Eight per cent of the qualified electors voting at the previous election are sufficient for an initiative petition for measures to be voted on at the next general or special election. Five per cent of the signatures ten days

before the legislature convenes are sufficient to secure consideration of a measure there. All except emergency legislation will not be effective until ninety days after the legislature adjourns.

It confers both initiative and referendum powers on all cities and counties. Five per cent are necessary to demand a referendum. All elective officers, including judges, are subject to recall. Recall petitions require 8 per cent, and in case of general state officers 50,000 signatures are the minimum on a recall petition.

REVELS WHAT HE DID WITH THE DYNAMITE

Says That He Did Not Blow Up Miss Smith's Tent and Denies Paternity of the Child

SANTA ROSA, Calif., Jan. 19.—Dr. Burke was recalled at the resumption of the trial this morning, and retold the incident leading up to the bringing of the package of dynamite to the sanitarium. He said he had not used it, but had buried it. He did not tell the sheriff of that fact, acting on the advice of his brother Isaac. He said he did not know whether he gave Lu Etta Smith more money during the last two years than he did his wife or not.

The doctor's cross examination is completed. He denied that he had exploded dynamite near Miss Smith's tent or had procured anyone to do so. A letter written by Governor Hiram W. Johnson to Attorney Naylor in response to a demand for \$500 for Miss Smith was introduced. The letter said that Dr. Burke did not accede to the request, and denied the paternity of the child.

PRICE OF GLYCERINE REACHES A HIGH FIGURE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 19.—The Panama canal is partly responsible for an increase of more than 50 per cent in the price of glycerine, according to United States Consul Albert Halstead, at Birmingham, England.

In the last eighteen months the price has been gradually advanced until it reached \$24.33 a long ton, the highest price ever recorded.

This is reported to be due largely to the scarcity of fats and oils from which glycerine is made as a by-product in the manufacture of soap, and the increased demand for glycerine for the manufacture of explosives. The great quantity of explosives required for the Panama canal is responsible for the advance.

WILL INVESTIGATE THE DELAWARE DISASTER

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 19.—The navy department is organizing a special board of inquiry into the Delaware explosion. It probably will consist of engineers from the Norfolk navy yard and the battleships Delaware, South Carolina and Michigan. Captain Gove has already been appointed on the board.

CHIHUAHUA WILL BE PLACED UNDER MARTIAL LAW

EL PASO, Texas, Jan. 19.—A dispatch from Chihuahua authentically reports that Governor Terrazas has been asked to resign. The state will be placed under martial law, with Colonel Cueller of Diaz's staff in command of the federal forces.

WANT A BIG BATTLESHIP FLEET FOR THE PACIFIC

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 19.—A resolution to congress asking for a permanent fleet of battleships in the Pacific equal to that of the navy of any nation bordering on those waters, has been introduced in the lower house of the legislature.

MCCARTHY RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF TRADES COUNCIL

SAN RAFAEL, Calif., Jan. 20.—P. H. McCarthy, mayor of San Francisco, was re-elected president of the state building trades council at today's session. Fresno was awarded next year's convention.

JAPANESE STATESMEN ASKED TO RETAIN THEIR POSITIONS

TOKIO, Jan. 20.—The emperor today summoned Katsura, Komatsudara, Hiarta and Onra, and requested them to retain their portfolios and work devotedly for the state.

Moving His Office

E. L. Elliott, the well known attorney, has moved into a magnificent suite of offices in the Willits' building. He will have one of the finest offices in the city when completely furnished.

The Bid Whist Club

The Bid Whist club is meeting at the home of Mrs. Louis Gerber this afternoon.

THE WORST FLOOD IN YEARS IS RAGING

A NUMBER HAVE VERY NARROW ESCAPES

River Rose Four Feet in Five Hours —Damage to Salem is \$70,000 —More Danger

SALEM, Jan. 19.—Joshua H. Smith, 60 years old, a rancher, is dead and a number narrowly escaped with their lives, many homes were devastated and much livestock was drowned as the result of the Willamette river overflowing. It is the worst flood in years.

The water and gas mains are washed out in some sections of the city, bridges are down and damage is general in this vicinity.

The rainfall was five inches during the last forty-eight hours, and the river rose four feet in five hours, and is still rising. The damage to this city is estimated at \$50,000 and private property \$20,000.

IT A MATCH IN BUNKER AND EXPLOSION FOLLOWED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 19.—Investigation of the manner of storing coal on United States battleships is expected in the near future by officers of the navy.

The immediate cause for such an inquiry is found in the fact that within two weeks explosions recently occurred in the coal bunkers of two battleships, causing the death of a man in each instance. They were on the North Dakota and on the Michigan. Coal Passer Stevens of the North Dakota died after lingering nearly two weeks from the time of his being burned. Benjamin McCleary, coal passer on the Michigan, died within two days after the accident. Both men were injured while the fleet was in the English channel. Though such explosions are not unknown in the navy, officers are freshly alarmed at what seems to be an increase in their frequency.

According to the report of the board of inquiry on the North Dakota coal dust was responsible for the explosion on that battleship. Evans declared that he had crawled into the bunker to take a nap. Needing a light, he scratched a match, and the explosion followed, severely burning him. The board reported that there was no trace of gas in the bunker. No detailed report on the Michigan explosion has yet been received, but the circumstances, so far as known, were similar.

Lack of ventilation, the naval officers say, is the dangerous factor in battleship coal bunkers. On most of the ships, if the traps are opened and kept open to admit air, water also gets in. It is well known that water in small quantities, with large quantities of soft coal, will induce spontaneous combustion. The difficulty of the problem is increased by the fact that there is little choice in placing the bunkers, all must open into the fireroom.

Many officers are convinced that these recent explosions offer a strong argument for the adoption of oil burners. The danger from coal, they say, is too great to be longer tolerated.

TONS OF FISH CAUGHT AT REDONDO, CALIF.

Hundreds of Anglers Stand in the Rain and Are Rewarded by Record Catch of Yellowtail

REDONDO, Calif., Jan. 20.—Six tons of fish, practically all yellowtail, were caught with hook and line off wharf No. 1 today. It was the most phenomenal run ever known on the southern coast. When the great schools were observed feeding near shore hundreds of anglers went out in the rain, and all were liberally rewarded, scores landing more of the game fish than they could carry away. It is estimated that 500 yellowtail, averaging from twenty-five to twenty-eight pounds weight, were taken.

Many women and children braved the heavy storm, and had their hands so full taking care of bending rods that they forgot the wetting and cheered each other as they pulled up beauty after beauty, fighting many minutes with some.

NEW YORKERS CONSUME ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF BEER

An Average of Two Barrels Per Capita Is Drunk Every Year in the Metropolis

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—Greater New York consumed 8,500,000 barrels of beer during the year 1910, according to a government report just made public.

This is an average of about two barrels a year for every man, woman and child in the city.

Throughout the United States the year's consumption reached a total of nearly 60,000,000 barrels.

HAVE REQUISITE NUMBER NEXT YEAR

NEARLY ENOUGH PUPILS TO CONSTITUTE ONE

One Thousand Names Are Required and 915 Have So Far Been Placed on the Rolls

The school population of Klamath Falls is growing rapidly, and it will not be long before there will be enough children of school age to constitute this district one of the first class. One thousand names are required, and when that number is secured the district will have the privilege of naming its own examining board and also selecting the studies for the curriculum of the schools.

There are at present 915 names on the school rolls, and the remaining eighty-five will be secured before next year.

While the 1,000 names giving us a first class district will not make much of a change in the schools of Klamath Falls, as the courses of study are about as they will be under the new powers that may be granted, yet the privilege of exercising the powers that go with a district of the first class is worth something. Klamath Falls can well be proud of her schools.

SEEKING INFORMATION ON RAISING SUGAR BEETS

The publicity given to the possibilities of sugar beet raising in this county is still attracting interest, and many inquiries are being received for further information on the subject. The latest communication is from Earl E. Tibbot of Port Rock, Ore., which is just north of Klamath, in Lake county. Information is requested as to the possibilities of raising beets on dry land, and anyone able to give the required information are requested to write Mr. Tibbot. The letter is addressed to Albert Wolverson, and is as follows:

"In reading the Oregonian I see where you are deeply interested in the raising of sugar beets for stock feed. The piece in the paper did not state whether or not you had to irrigate same to grow for feed. As, of course you doubtless know, the Fort Rock country is practically a new country. We can only raise as yet rye hay. The moisture is plentiful, but owing to the frosts we cannot raise anything but hay as yet. I felt, in reading the paper, that you were interested in the development of Southern Oregon, and would be kind enough to write me a few particulars regarding the care of the ground to start them growing, the amount of seed per acre, etc. The homesteaders up here are getting pretty much discouraged on account of not being able to raise anything. This is a bunch grass country, covered with sage brush, as you doubtless know. "Thanking you in advance for any information you may be kind enough to write me, I remain."

YOUNGSTERS GET RIDE WITHOUT PAYING FARE

Hide Themselves in Car and Feud Sumptuously on Biscuits That Were Part of Freight

PORTLAND, Me., Jan. 20.—When a carload of goods shipped from Boston by a biscuit company was unsealed in the Boston and Maine railroad yards recently, four well-fed youngsters popped out of the door.

They said they had been playing about the car in Charlestown, and deciding to come to Portland, had hidden in the car and were locked in. They were twenty-four hours in the car, but fared bounteously upon the different varieties of biscuits stored there. The Boston police were notified.

Many Persons Questioned

The trial of George Welch was one of the longest ever held in this county, and more testimony was taken and more persons were questioned than in any case in years. Counting each time a witness or juror was examined, there were over 100 persons questioned during the progress of the trial, and the testimony will make over 900 pages of transcript. Court Reporter Richardson certainly earned every cent he will receive for the nine days' work.

SEEK APPROPRIATIONS FOR RECLAMATION WORK

Letter From Abel Ady Shows That He Expects a Hard Struggle to Get Funds

The following letter from Abel Ady, who is now in Washington, shows that he expects to have a hard fight to secure any further funds for the completion of the reclamation work on the Klamath project: "My board's report not yet printed, but have secured most of it in substance, and it is favorable to completion of Lower project. Uplands,

37,000; Tule Lake overflow lands, 35,000; Langell and Yonna Valleys from Horsefly, 16,000; Modoc from Clear Lake, 18,000, and Lower Klamath hung up for further investigation with 54,000. Fight for immediate release is going to be a hard one. Am also getting lined up for an increase of funds for the completion of the Klamath project outlined, without having to await the time when other funds will again be available, and for an apportionment of all funds from the general fund to save the Oregon land owners the necessity of paying interest on their reclamation funds, while the funds arising from the sale of Oregon timber is loaned to other states without interest."

CAT TRAVELS MILES TO REACH ITS OLD HOME

Pet Taken to Seashore in the Summer Reaches Its City Home Weeks Afterwards

LANCASTER, Pa., Jan. 20.—Six months ago the family of Robert W. Hadden moved to Sea Isle City, N. J., where they spent the summer, taking with them a pet maltese cat.

When the family left the shore to return to this city some time ago the cat had disappeared. Today members of the family heard a scratching at the gate, and there they found their old pet. How she made the 137 miles from Sea Isle City, crossed the Delaware, and found her way to Lancaster is a mystery.

GREAT LAND DRAWING WILL BE HELD NEXT YEAR

One Million Acres Are to Be Thrown Open for Settlement in the Colville Reservation

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 20.—Another great land drawing will be held in this state by Uncle Sam probably in the fall of 1912. More than 1,000,000 acres in the Colville reservation will be opened to entry. The department of the interior declares that the work of allotting the 2,000 Colville Indians will be completed within twelve months.

Wedding Anniversary

Mrs. C. I. Roberts celebrated her leather wedding day Wednesday, it being the third anniversary of her marriage. A number of her intimate friends enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon.

NO CASE AGAINST J. F. ADAMS

GOVERNMENT ADMITS THERE IS NO CHARGE

Had Been Charged With Cutting Timber on Government Land Contrary to the Law

The many friends of J. Frank Adams will be pleased to learn that the charge that had been made against him of unlawfully cutting timber on government land, for which he was to have been tried in Portland, has been dismissed, the government attorney deciding that there was no case against Mr. Adams.

The law permits a man to cut fence posts on government land to be used on his own land, the act granting the right specifying the amount that may be taken. The posts may be cut either by the person using them or by some one in his employ. Mr. Adams hired a man to cut a number of posts for him and an over-zealous forester who chanced to pass that way thought that Mr. Adams had exceeded the limit set by the act, and had him arrested.

The case was to have been tried in Portland, but United States District Attorney McCourt says that he will dismiss the case, as there are not sufficient grounds to make a case against Mr. Adams.

LODGE IS RE-ELECTED TO UNITED STATES SENATE

BOSTON, Jan. 21.—Senator Lodge was re-elected on the first joint ballot of the legislature. Two of the democratic senators, Curley and Murray of Boston, voted for the senator. The vote stood: Total vote, 279; necessary for choice, 140. Lodge (rep.), 146; Whipple (dem.), 121; Ames (rep.), 7; Guild (rep.), 1; John R. Thayer (dem.), 1; McBride (soc.), 1; A. Lawrence Lowell, 2.

GOVERNOR JOHNSON WILL ENTERTAIN JUDGE LINDSAY

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 21.—Governor Hiram W. Johnson will entertain Judge Ben Lindsay of Denver here Sunday. The governor is taking great interest in Lindsay's work in behalf of the boys of the nation, and is looking forward with pleasure to the latter's visit.

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