

WILL PETITION CITY COUNCIL

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP COMING UP AGAIN

PETITIONS ARE NOW BEING PRINTED

Matter of Placing the Question Before the People at Special Election Being Agitated

No time has been lost by the Good Government league in taking action on the presenting of a petition to the city council asking for a special election for the purpose of determining whether or not the citizens desired a municipal water and light plant. The petitions are now being printed, will be circulated around by solicitors till Saturday night, when a special meeting of the league will be held for the purpose of making final arrangements for the presenting of the petitions at the council meeting Monday night. This action was taken at a big meeting of the league last night, in response to the suggestions of some of the councilmen.

A record crowd was in attendance at last night's meeting of the league, and forty-nine new members were received into the organization.

The committee appointed to secure a speaker to address the people on the subject of municipal ownership of public utilities, reported that the address will be made by President Ego, B. Franks of the league. The date of the mass meeting will in all probability be fixed by the next meeting night of the organization.

In order to show the disparity in figures between the price the Light and Water company is said to be willing to sell their plant for, from \$140,000 to \$400,000, County Assessor Lee was called upon to make an assessed valuation of the company's plant, and he stated that it was \$13,000. This occasioned a lengthy discussion.

Talks were made by several members of the organization on progressive lines, and J. A. Sullivan of the Examiner staff, who is here in the interests of that publication, spoke strongly in favor of municipal ownership. He cited the grafts San Francisco has contended with in regard to the water problem, and declared that in order to prevent a possible repetition of such conditions here the citizens should seize this opportunity to vote in favor of owning their own light and water plant.

In addition to the arrangement of the petition Saturday night, there may be other matters to come up before that special meeting of the league, and a full attendance is desired.

PRELATE WILL BE HERE TO FOUND CHURCH

The Rt. Rev. Robert L. Paddock, Episcopal bishop of Eastern Oregon, is expected to visit Klamath Falls about February 24th or 25th, and the occasion of his visit is the establishment of a church at this point.

Bishop Paddock's work in this diocese is too well known to need comment here. Suffice it to say that his every energy is bent to the upbuilding and advancement of the church and the propagation of moral and religious teachings.

SPECIAL COFFIN REQUIRED FOR BODY OF TEXAS GIANT

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Feb. 15.—Lamb Graves, the largest man in Texas, and one of the largest in the United States, died in San Antonio. He was 7 feet 7 inches tall, and at the time of his death weighed 286 pounds. His normal weight previous to his illness was 450 pounds. Heart failure was the cause of his death.

Graves was so large that there was not a coffin in San Antonio large enough for him, and the funeral will be postponed until one is completed.

MAYOR ALEXANDER OF GLIDE VISITING HERE

John Alexander, mayor of Glendale, Oregon, and brother of Robert Alexander, a prominent and well known citizen of Klamath Falls, is a recent visitor to our community. He is extremely impressed with our country

and its advancement, and has made a good size investment in some of our city property. In a conference with the mayor last Friday he said that in all his traveling or in his observation he had never seen a community so thriving and with the stamp so plainly marked success.

Mr. Alexander, we welcome you.

Returned to Illinois

Mrs. John W. Wann, who has been here for the past four months, stopping at C. M. O'Neill's, left for her home in Illinois last Thursday, where she will attend to some necessary business. She expects to return here in the spring. Her son, Dan, has decided to engage in business here, and will remain in Klamath county. They are both more than pleased with the prospects for this vicinity, and will probably make their future home here.

In From Keno

G. W. Sorrels, a prominent resident of Keno, spent last Thursday in the county seat attending to business matters. Mr. Sorrels reports more snow around Keno than there is here, and says that the sleighing is better this winter than ever before. Despite the snow, Mr. Sorrels says, there is considerable activity in the adjacent lumber camps, sleds being used in place of wagons.

PRISONER ALMOST ESCAPES

FRED STANFORD MAKES A VAIN DASH FOR LIBERTY

Eluding Deputy Sheriff, He Was Two Blocks From the Courthouse When Recaptured

Fred E. Stanford, who was indicted Monday by the grand jury on a charge of forgery, made an effort to escape from the county jail Wednesday afternoon, and his attempt came near being successful. Stanford was carrying wood from the woods in the courthouse square to the jail under the surveillance of Deputy Sheriff John Schallock, who was standing near the rear door of the courthouse. A lady wishing to see Mr. Schallock engaged him in conversation, and while the officer's back was turned, Stanford slipped through the woodshed to Fourth street, went to Klamath avenue, and was two blocks away, running toward the river, when a man employed in carrying wood into the courthouse noticed him and apprised Schallock of the escape.

Schallock and the helper pursued Stanford, and when the officer shouted Stanford stopped.

SHE'S A GREAT BOSTER FOR KLAMATH FALLS

Miss Mabel Nickerson of Sacramento is sojourning again with her aunt, Mrs. O. C. Applegate, in this city. Miss Nickerson spent most of her childhood and youth in Klamath Falls, and is, of course, an enthusiastic booster for Klamath whenever she may be. She says there is a lively and growing interest about Sacramento in regard to the Klamath country, and this, she thinks, she has considerably increased during her late visit to the California capital.

MODERN WOODMEN'S DANCE WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL

An exceptionally good dance was given Tuesday night in the opera house by Ewauna Camp, Modern Woodmen of America, the affair being a big success, both socially and financially. A large crowd was in attendance, and fifty or more couples danced to the strains of music rendered by Griffin's orchestra. In addition to the Klamath Falls residents, many out-of-town people were in attendance.

SHAFT CARRIAGE UPSETS AND KILLS FOUR MINERS

HARRISBURG, Ills., Feb. 15.—Four miners were instantly killed at a mine here last night, when the shaft carriage in which they were being lowered from the surface overturned and dropped them down the shaft.

Goes to Fort Klamath

Miss Blanche Foster, one of the successful candidates for teachers' certificates, goes to Fort Klamath on Monday, where she will be one of Professor Mulkey's assistants.

FIFTEEN MORE NEW MEMBERS

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NOW HAS 98 "LIVE ONES"

MANY MATTERS WERE DISCUSSED

Effort Being Made to "Get In" on the Invitation Day Postcard Booklet Scheme

A very important meeting of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce was held Tuesday, and in addition to other matters the following fifteen live new members were added to the membership roll: Glen Johnston, J. A. Moore, Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, R. C. Shipley, J. Konop, Theodore Nelson, Burrell Short, H. D. Stout, O. A. Harris, Al Melbase, R. R. Talley and E. G. Argraves of Klamath Falls; J. N. Woods of Napa, Calif., R. W. Tower of Keno and Fred Peterson of Bonanza.

The Chamber of Commerce now has a paid up membership of ninety-eight members, all of whom are deeply interested in the growth and development of Klamath Falls and Klamath county, and there is not a "dead" piece of timber in the whole formation. Since Secretary Oliver's term of office began a number have been dropped for non-payment of dues, so that all in now are boosters in the true sense.

The "Invitation Day" postal card booklets to be sent out by residents of California on March 1st were brought to the attention of the body by Secretary Oliver, who told of the Southern Pacific's work in getting out the booklets descriptive of every part of California, and suggested that as Klamath Falls is in a measure tributary to California, an effort should be made to get some local views in the booklet. The directors gave their hearty consent, and a number of pictures have been forwarded to the Southern Pacific by Mr. Oliver.

LOCAL BLACKSMITH SECCUMBS AFTER SHORT ILLNESS

He Was a Native of New York State, and Was Fifty-Nine Years of Age

Following an illness of but a week's duration, Frederick T. Allen, a well known resident of this city, and a member of the blacksmithing firm of Allen & Peterson, succumbed Monday night to acute stomach and bowel trouble, at his home in this city.

The funeral services were held on Wednesday at Whitlock's undertaking parlors, the services being conducted by Rev. Hilton, pastor of the Christian church.

START CONSTRUCTION OF NEW LODGING HOUSE

Garrett & Acheson are at work on the new rooming house for E. H. Hargrave on Second street, with a large force of men, having agreed to complete the building in forty days. This is to be an up-to-date lodging, with all modern improvements, costing \$7,000. The contractors have completed the Sparks theater, and have five bungalows under way in Mills' addition.

COMET RESTAURANT IS NOW IN NEW HANDS

F. E. Neumann has leased the restaurant in the Comet lodgings from M. W. Espy, and announces that he is going to run a workingman's restaurant.

Mr. Neumann is a new man in Klamath Falls, and says he came here to stay.

Suits Filed

Charles V. Pattee has commenced action in the circuit court against Mary E. Anderson, nee Clifton, to recover money due him for locating her on a timber claim in township 40 south, range 13 east. Through his attorney, H. W. Keese, Pattee asks \$100 and the costs of the suit.

LA FOLLETTE'S NOTE TO TAFT

DEMAND PRINTED IN SENATORS' MAGAZINE

THE LETTER IS PRINTED HERE IN FULL

Though Insurgent Leader Did Not Sign His Name, He Is Said To Be the Author

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Direct demand that President Taft publicly answer the question whether he is attempting to dodge a decision in the Cunningham Land cases has been made by Senator LaFollette in his open letter to the president, which was published in La Follette's Magazine and given out today. The letter is signed LaFollette's Magazine, but it is considered here as coming from the senator, himself.

La Follette's letter asserts that it has been publicly stated that the two bills introduced in the Senate by Nelson (Rep.) Minn., "have in some measure received your support." In opening, La Follette says: "The first is a special bill for a transfer of the decision in the Cunningham case from your hands to the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia. The second is a general bill providing for the transfer of the decision of all land cases from the executive to the courts and authorizing a trial de nova in all cases which have already been heard in the Department of the Interior."

After pointing out that the president has affirmed directly and indirectly his determination to pass personally on the Cunningham cases and calling attention to the fact that he permitted Gifford Pinchot to file a brief with him in these cases, the letter continues:

"The claimants have had a fair trial; they have been represented by able counsel; no error or injustice to them is alleged. Since April, 1910, the Cunningham case has been pending for adjudication. The evidence in the case establishes conclusively that these claims were entered under an illegal agreement to combine after title was secured. Both documentary and oral evidence in the case proves beyond argument or dispute that the Cunningham entries should be cancelled on the ground of fraud. Long ago, the Secretary of the Interior announced that he considered himself disqualified from acting in regard to the Cunningham case. This is a matter of record.

"The fact that before he became Secretary of the Interior he gave professional assistance to certain of the claimants in their efforts to secure patents, and the further fact that, since becoming secretary, he has, through his attorney, filed a brief with the joint committee of congress in which he warmly defends the entries against the charge of illegality, make it desirable that you should have relieved both Ballinger and his subordinates of the duty of deciding the Cunningham cases. It is easy to conceive that Ballinger's subordinates would feel serious embarrassment in deciding this particular case contrary to the expressed opinions of their chief. But now you have assumed the responsibility of decision there appears no reason why the extraordinary step seeking legislation to wrest the case from your hands should be taken, a step which will effectually postpone the cancellation of the Cunningham claims for an indefinite period.

"If the first bill referred to passes there will result a protracted delay and the expense of additional hearings. The fraudulent character of the claims is already proven. Yet, if this bill should become law the claimants will be given a chance to make one more effort to defeat the government's case.

"If the second bill passes, the claimants will be given the hitherto unknown privilege of having the case tried over again de nova. No such stumbling block to the prompt disposal of land cases was ever devised until the Cunningham claims were pending before you for adjudication. Moreover, if either bill becomes a law, in a second consideration of this case the claimants will have the extraordinary advantage of knowing in advance the exact lines of attack of the government, both

as shown in the record of the hearing already had and as indicated in the brief recently submitted to you by Gifford and Amos Pinchot. It will put off indefinitely cancellation of the entries and concurrently the development of the immense mines which lie within the claims, mines which should be promptly opened when Congress has passed legislation properly protecting the interest of the public, which so greatly needs their development. Finally, it will deny to the people the right of having fraudulent claims promptly cancelled by the executive. You have yourself assumed all responsibility for the disposal of this case. You have taken it out of the hands of the interior department. There is in this case, therefore, no so-called 'vicious circle' of investigation and adjudication by officers of the same department. It is a matter solely of executive duty and of executive responsibility. This being the case, it is proper and important that Congress know the executive attitude about these two bills. It is, in this particular instance, quite as important that the public know it. After assuming the responsibility for patenting or withholding from patent the Cunningham claim entries do you now wish to be relieved of it? Is it your desire that at the eleventh hour Congress should take from your hands jurisdiction of this case? If so, upon that grounds of public policy or of public benefit?"

BELIEVE FIGHT IS ALL OVER

NO MORE SKIRMISHES EXPECTED ABOUT JAUREZ

Navarro and Army Given Great Reception by Jaurez Citizens, Who Tender Them a Banquet

EL PASO, Texas, Feb. 15.—It is believed that the insurrecto campaign around Jaurez is ended as a result of the arrival of General Navarro last night with 1,000 federal infantrymen and a cavalry company of 500.

Navarro and his staff and army are the heroes of the hour. They are being hailed as the "Saviors of Northern Mexico," and were banqueted last night and today.

More Troops to Border

HUACHUCA, Ariz., Feb. 15.—Parts of two troops of the Twelfth cavalry from the Presidio of San Francisco arrived today for border duty.

NOT A SINGLE FAILURE IN THE RECENT EXAMINATIONS

Fifteen Aspirants for Certificates Take the Examinations, and All Pass Successfully

Fifteen applicants for teachers' certificates, and not a single failure in the examinations; this is the record of the tests held last week at the Central school by County Superintendent Swan, assisted by Professor Faught and Mr. Lee. Many of those taking the examinations were teachers seeking higher grade certificates.

Those who will be awarded certificates are: Klamath Falls—Benlah Johnson, Frieda A. Netschelin, Jessie Harmon, Josephine F. Donegan, Grace N. French, Edna E. Elliott, Maude E. Laman, Marguerite Aldrich, Julia Waters, Ruby I. Winters, Nellie L. McAndrews, Mrs. R. W. Beach and Blanche Foster.

Dairy—Wade H. Oden. Olene—Clyde C. Van Meter. White Lake—Henry Douglas Bussey. Keno—Anna O'Keefe.

Motschenbacher to Stanford

In the Sunday Journal there appears a picture of Carl Motschenbacher, the Klamath Falls lad who has produced a sensation at the University of Oregon by winning a place on the institution's debating team during his freshman year. Motschenbacher goes to Palo Alto during the latter part of March, where he will assist Percy M. Collier, president of the University student body, in the debate with Stanford University.

Here From Portland

L. W. Palmer, representing the Northwest Steel company of Portland, is here making estimates of steel work for several buildings in contemplation. The company with which Mr. Palmer is connected furnished the steel for the Wattenburg and the Baldwin structures.

YOUNG GIRL ROBS THE MAIL BOXES

PEARL ALLEN WAS ARRESTED THIS MORNING

POSTMASTER CAUGHT HER REDHANDED

Just Realizing Seriousness of Charge, Girl Weeps, Faints and Be- comes Hysterical

Thirteen-year-old Pearl Allen faces a serious charge as a result of robbing the mail boxes at the postoffice, and her arrest Wednesday came as a sequel to a series of thefts of mail extending over a period of three weeks or more, which have been a source of continuous annoyance to parties expecting packages and other mail.

For some time Postmaster Emmitt has entertained suspicions as to the identity of the guilty party, and a few nights ago Jesse Siemens, who remained in the postoffice after closing hours in the hopes of catching the guilty party, saw the girl take articles from some of the boxes. As they desired to catch her in the act to make the evidence more conclusive, nothing was done about the matter until this morning, when Postmaster Emmitt, after some watching, caught her red-handed. She was turned over to Chief of Police Townsend, who took her to the office of District Attorney Kuykendall.

It was not until after she had been questioned a bit by Mr. Kuykendall that Miss Allen realized the gravity of her offense. When the truth began to dawn on her she fell to the floor in a dead faint, and became so hysterical that a doctor was summoned.

The girl will be given a hearing before United States Commissioner Richardson as soon as it can be arranged.

EVEN THE YOUNG LADIES BOOST FOR KLAMATH FALLS

The reputation of the residents of Klamath Falls as boosters for their home town and county is well known all over the state. It seems that the young ladies even are not a bit bashful in telling the outside world the story of the advantages and undeveloped resources abounding here.

Secretary C. T. Oliver of the Chamber of Commerce is in receipt of a letter from Miss Helen Wakefield, who left here about two weeks ago for Visalia, Calif., giving the names of some residents of that city whom she has interested in Klamath Falls, and requesting that they be mailed descriptive literature.

MIDDLE WEST IS ALL RIGHT, BUT, "OH, YOU SUNSHINE!"

"We've had just five days of sunshine since January 1st," writes a man from Fair Oaks, Ind., who is tired of that section and seeks information about Klamath Falls, that thriving community he has heard so much favorable comment about. Secretary Oliver of the Chamber of Commerce has replied to the inquiry, and prospects for his coming here are pretty bright.

Suits Filed

Willson & Scrouffle, a San Francisco firm, has commenced action against the Chitwood Drug company to recover money on a note. According to the terms of the note, which is for \$646.25, and made on January 5th, the local firm was to pay not less than \$20 installments on the 1st of every month. As they have not done so, the plaintiffs ask for the entire amount and \$100 as attorney's fees.

Suits Filed

Two suits for recovery of money were filed Friday. The First National bank against Abel Ady and R. E. Cantrell, and Turner Brothers against Georgia F. and Walter Purdy. Writs of attachment have been issued in both cases.

Another Hill

Word has been received from Mr. and Mrs. George C. Hill at Oakland of the birth of a son, George Clayton Hill Jr., on February 5th. Mr. and Mrs. Hill are well known residents of this city, who are sojourning in Oakland.