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CHANGE THE SYSTEM

IT IS an encouraging condition when the people of a city or community begin to take more than a passive interest in the management of the business of their city, and this is just what the people of Klamath Falls are beginning to do today. From the conversation you hear on every hand, on the streets and in the home, it is evident that the people clearly realize that the business of the city is not being handled in a proper manner under the present system.

While there are many suggestions being offered as a remedy, it seems to be the unanimous opinion that present conditions are not right, and that a change must be made in order that Klamath Falls should grow and develop as its resources and location would warrant it to do so. There are many who will tell you that all that is necessary is to elect a new mayor or some certain councilman whom they might mention, but we contend that it is not wholly the man, but rather the system that is at fault. There is no corporation or individual who would trust the management of their business to a person or persons who made that business secondary to their own personal interests, and who could only devote such time to the work as they might be able to conveniently spare from looking after their own affairs. Then why should a city depend on such an unbusinesslike system of conducting their business affairs?

There is only one way in which to get results desired, and that is to hire capable men to give their entire time to the service of the city, and hold them personally responsible to the people for everything done or undertaken. A corporation will pay a man what his position is worth, and he must make good or his job is gone. Why cannot a city do the same? The bigger the business, the bigger the man needed, and the business of the thousands of people who constitute a city is certainly of more importance than that of a single individual, and needs greater ability in its proper management.

This fact is realized in all of the most progressive cities of the country, and for this reason years have been devoted to the best solution of the problem by the biggest men both in private and public life. As a result, city after city is adopting the commission form of government, until now it is recognized as the only modern method of city government. Commission government is no longer an experiment, and Klamath Falls would be taking no chances in adopting it. There are plenty of proofs to be obtained as to its working.

THE CITY'S FINANCES

THE fact that the city's financial condition is not in good shape seems to be the occasion for some people to boast the mayor and advertise to the world that Klamath Falls is a ruined city and on the verge of bankruptcy from which it is insinuated it cannot recover. No one who is sincere in his efforts for the good of Klamath Falls would allow his personal animosity for an individual jeopardize the future development of his home town. Rather than attack the individual, those who wish to see Klamath Falls grow, as it has every reason under the sun to do, should offer some solution to the present financial problem, and then use every effort at their command in influence the adoption and carrying out of this program. It is only the vicious that will attack a public policy without offering a remedy.

It is true that Klamath Falls, at the present time, is not on a sound financial basis. It is also true that Klamath Falls, for the past twenty years, has not been managed in a business-like manner.

This is a condition that is familiar in every small community in the United States. When a city reaches a point, as has Klamath Falls, when it is plain to the ordinary thinking individual, that the community has passed the stage of the village, and must make preparation for its eventual growth to an important business center, then it is that the entire system of management in use in the past must change, and a business and financial policy adopted that will lay the foundation for the erection of a big city.

This time has arrived for Klamath Falls, and while many faults may be found with the city charter, it is folly to attack its validity, inasmuch as it was actually adopted by the voters with every opportunity given them of knowing what it contained. It is not likely that the people will repudi-

ate their own acts, and, besides, what particularly bad feature does the present charter contain? Does it contain any laws that would injure or harm the citizen and property owners? If so, we have never heard them mentioned. The only fault we have heard is that the city has outgrown it. Good for the city. That is the best evidence possible that Klamath Falls is growing and is news that any of the citizens should be gratified to learn, even if it necessitated changing the charter every six months.

The city is in debt, but why shouldn't it be, when we have been making improvements the past year which will be a benefit to owners of the property twenty or thirty years from now, when many of the present citizens are dead and probably walking the golden streets instead of bitulthie or concrete? Improvements must be made if Klamath Falls continues to go ahead, but the time has arrived when this city should be placed on a financial basis and policies adopted which will give the city a dollar's worth for every dollar it spends. The city is not getting its money's worth, and it is wasting the money paid in taxes by the citizens simply because the proper financial policy has not been adopted and followed.

TEDDY AND ONE MORE TERM

T BEGINS to look rather strongly as though Theodore Roosevelt would be in the running for the republican nomination for the presidency. In fact, to the mind of many people, it appears that if there are any circumstances under which he can be induced to run he will be so heartily favored by the delegates in convention assembled that no other body will have a show.

Taft, La Follette and Cummins are now avowed candidates, while Roosevelt has been so often approached to get his attitude as a possibly available man that he has become tired of saying anything on the subject. Several years ago he said he positively would not be a candidate for a third term. He had the unfinished term of the late President William McKinley, and a full term by the electorate. In the technical sense of full terms he has, to be sure, had but one. In another sense, even if he were to be nominated this summer at Chicago, he would not be running for a third term, this being with reference to a continuous tenure of office.

But leaving technicalities aside, there is little doubt that he will run if, as one of his political friends has said, he was "drafted." Even if it were a proposition for a third continuous, full term of four years, the people's will would prove stronger than even that of the colonel, if they were determined to have him.

GRASP THE OPPORTUNITY

KLAMATH FALLS has a good prospect for securing a federal building, if the people of this city do not lose interest and expect our representatives in congress to do it all. While a bill has been introduced asking for an appropriation, we cannot expect our representatives to put up much of a fight if we, ourselves, show a lack of enthusiasm in the matter. We should let our senators and congressmen know that we mean business, and intend to get that federal building if we have to go to Washington for it. We should do our share toward securing favorable action by congress by meeting them part way and offering free of cost a site on which to erect a federal building. It would show that we did not want something for nothing, and would be a great help to our representatives in securing recognition of our claim.

We have two commercial organizations in the city, and surely both of these should be interested in securing a government building for Klamath Falls. If these business men would go to the county court and secure a definite assurance of a site on the court house block, to be forwarded to those working for us in Washington, we believe that before the year ends we would see work commenced on the erection of a \$100,000 federal building right in the heart of the business section of the city. Does this appeal to you, Mr. Businessman and Property Owner? If so, get busy.

MORSE CHEERED BY NEWS OF HIS PARDON

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 20.—Banker Morse's pulse is far below normal, but the patient was cheered by the pardon news. He insists he will recover.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

For Prosecuting Attorney

For District Attorney for Klamath and Lake counties, Oregon, on the Republican ticket, JOHN IRWIN, subject to the primary nomination to be held on April 19, 1912.

I hereby respectfully announce myself a candidate for the republican nomination for Prosecuting Attorney for Klamath and Lake counties, subject to the will of the voters at the primary election to be held on the 19th of April, 1912. D. V. KUYKENDALL.

For County Treasurer

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination for Treasurer of Klamath County on the Republican ticket, subject to the will of the people at primary election to be held on April 19, 1912. JAY MANNING.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination for Treasurer of Klamath County on the Democratic ticket, subject to the will of the people at primary election to be held on April 19, 1912. C. H. DAGGETT.

For Assessor

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the nomination for Assessor of Klamath county on the Democratic ticket, subject to the will of the people at the primary election to be held on April 19, 1912. J. P. LEE.

For Sheriff

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the Republican nomination for Sheriff of Klamath county, subject to the will of the voters at the primary election to be held April 19, 1912. OSCAR L. CARTER.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the nomination for sheriff on the Republican ticket, subject to the will of the voters at the primary election to be held on April 19, 1912. C. C. LOW.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the democratic nomination for Sheriff of Klamath county, subject to the will of the voters at the primary election to be held April 19, 1912. CHESTER AVERY.

For Coroner

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Coroner, subject to the will of the voters at the primary election to be held on April 19, 1912. EARL WHITLOCK.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the Republican nomination for Coroner, subject to the will of the voters at the primary election to be held on April 19, 1912. E. R. WILLIS.

For School Superintendent

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the nomination for County School Superintendent of Klamath county on the Republican ticket, subject to the will of the voters at the primary election to be held April 19, 1912. FRED PETERSON.

For County Clerk

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the nomination for County Clerk on the Republican ticket, subject to the will of the voters at the primary election to be held April 19, 1912. C. R. DE LAP.

For Justice of the Peace

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the Republican nomination for Justice of the Peace for Linkville precinct, subject to the will of the voters at the primary election to be held on April 19, 1912. W. H. SHAW.

KENYON FOR CUMMINS FOR WHITE HOUSE PLACE NEXT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Senator Kenyon conferred with President Taft and when he concluded declared his position on the Cummins candidacy was that he couldn't be expected to go back on a native son.

TORNADO KILLS SIX AND INJURES SCORE OF OTHERS

WINONA, Wis., Jan. 22.—Six were killed, a score injured and a dozen houses destroyed when a tornado swept between Newton and Winnet Saturday. Wires are down and details impossible.

CONFESSES TO MURDER DURING DRUNKEN SCRAP

PORTLAND, Jan. 22.—Ernest Ottinger, a saloon man, Saturday confessed to the murder of Edison Mutch, a retired tobacco man, saying that he shot in self defense during a drunken row in Ottinger's saloon.

TILAMOOK PORT WINS LAWSUIT

JUDGE HENRY L. BENSON GIVES DECISION IN WHICH NEW CORPORATION DEFEATS THOSE OPPOSING IT

The state of Oregon on relation of S. V. Anderson and his wife Lillian sued the Port of Tillamook, which it alludes to as "a pretended quasi-corporation," and H. T. Botts, A. G. Beals, D. Fitzpatrick, James Walton Jr. and M. F. Leach, commissioners of the port, attacking the validity of the port as a corporation.

In 1899 a legislative act created the port of Tillamook, to take in the Hoquarton slough, the bar at the mouth of the slough, and the territory for a short distance either side of the slough and the city of Tillamook.

This enabled vessels from the Pacific ocean to reach Tillamook within the confines of the territory over which the corporation had, to an extent, jurisdiction.

By gubernatorial proclamation there went into effect June 25, 1906, an amendment to the state constitution by act of state legislature. This had been proposed by initiative petition.

In 1909 the legislature passed a general enabling act for the incorporation of ports. Under this act the port of Tillamook is alleged to have enlarged the territory for the exercise of its powers to include approximately a dozen new townships east of the city of Tillamook, without ever having been dissolved or disorganized under the 1905 act.

Judge Henry L. Benson heard the case when he was recently in the third judicial district, exchanging with Judge Percer R. Kelly, and at the same time he took under advisement the case of W. H. Leach and his wife, Eva M. Leach, to enjoin the collection of the tax of \$60,000, out of which arose the Anderson case. The Port of Tillamook, as defendant, entered a demurrer to the injunction case.

Both cases are the outgrowth of the proposition of the Port of Tillamook to impose the amount of tax above indicated to defray half the expense of removing the big bar at the mouth of the bay. The government estimated that it would cost \$1,000,000 to remove the bar, and was willing to pay half if the Port of Tillamook would pay the other half.

Judge Benson has dismissed the Anderson case and given judgment in favor of the Port of Tillamook for costs and disbursements in the action, and has sustained the demurrer to the injunction in the Leach case. The court does not give an opinion, but holds, in effect, that when the proposition of the larger Port of Tillamook was submitted to the voters and favored by a majority of the voters, it automatically dissolved the old port. It says in his conclusions of law that the old port has not attempted to exercise any powers conferred by the legislature, but has acquiesced in the formation of the Port of Tillamook as reincorporated.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The following realty transfers, contracts, deeds, mortgages, etc., recently filed with the county clerk, are furnished by the City and County Abstract company:

United States to John W. Lathrop, patent, SE 1/4 of SE 1/4, Sec. 8-49-10.

Agnes Eskelson to Clinton D. Corpening, warranty deed, \$10, lots 6 and 7, block 27, First addition.

Oregon Valley Land company to F. E. and M. E. Hammel, warranty deed, \$200, S 1/2 of N 1/2 of NE 1/4, Sec. 23-29-15.

Lakeview Irrigating and Power company to F. E. and M. E. Hammel, contract covering S 1/2 of N 1/2 of NE 1/4 of NE 1/4, Sec. 23-29-15.

Doll B. Scully to Chas. W. Harlow, warranty deed, \$10, NW 1/4 of NW 1/4, Sec. 13; SW 1/4 of SW 1/4, Sec. 12; SE 1/4 of SE 1/4, Sec. 11; NE 1/4 of NE 1/4, Sec. 14-41-14.

United States to Chas. Stundt, patent, NW 1/4, Sec. 22-37-12.

Klamath Water Users' Association to B. F. Nichols, release of contract, W 1/2 of W 1/2, Sec. 14-39-11.

Klamath Water Users' Association to B. F. Nichols, release of contract, SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, SW 1/4 of SE 1/4, Sec. 20; NE 1/4 of NW 1/4, NW 1/4 of NE 1/4, Sec. 29; SW 1/4 of SW 1/4, Sec. 11-39-11.

Geo. L. Davis et ux to United States, contract, \$1, 1.56 acres in SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, Sec. 22-39-10.

Jesse E. Wagner et vir to Eliza W. Marple, deed, SW 1/4 1/2 of NW 1/4, NW 1/4 of SW 1/4, Sec. 1; NE 1/4 of SE 1/4, SE 1/4 of NE 1/4, Sec. 2-27-10.

Oregon Valley Land company to Oscar Olverson, warranty deed, \$200, N 1/2 of SW 1/4 of NE 1/4, Sec. 23-27-15.

Northern Pacific railway to Weyerhaeuser Land company, deed, .660, NE 1/4 of SW 1/4, lot 3, Sec. 36-33-14.

E. D. McDonald et al to A. E. Stunt, warranty deed, \$25, lots 4, 5, 6 and 7,

block 17, Opportunity addition.

Earl R. Willis et ux to J. H. Everett, warranty deed, \$10, part of lot 2, block 59, Nichols addition.

Enterprise Land and Investment company to Ella A. Applegate, warranty deed, \$2,000, all of blocks 103, 104, Mills addition.

Myron E. Butler to Edward E. Doyle, warranty deed, \$10, SE 1/4 of SE 1/4, Sec. 23-39-10.

P. C. Lavey & Co. to John A. Hepner, deed, \$400, lots 21, 22, 23 and 24, block 24, Second addition.

United States to Anna Ratliff, patent, NW 1/4 of NW 1/4, E 1/2 of NW 1/4, Sec. 32; SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, Sec. 29-40-13.

Perry O. De Lap et al to J. W. McCoy, Warranty deed, \$10, lot 2, block 2, Hot Springs addition.

John Baxa to Chas. E. Worden, deed, \$10, SW 1/4 of SW 1/4, Sec. 32-38-9.

Klamath Development company to Jay Yordy, warranty deed, \$10, lot 1, block 4, Williams addition.

Klamath Development company to Mrs. Helen A. Yokum, warranty deed, \$10, lot 6, block 2, Williams addition.

Klamath Development company to Jay Yordy, warranty deed, \$10, lot 3, block 3, Williams addition.

Klamath Development company to Jay Yordy, warranty deed, \$10, lot 2, block 4, Williams addition.

John Koontz et ux to Mt. Laki Presbyterian church, warranty deed, \$1, 1 acre in SE corner of SE 1/4 of SE 1/4, Sec. 1-40-9.

Fannie L. Owens et vir to Mills addition Improvement club, \$500, lot 9, block 309, Darrow addition.

United States to Chas. W. Thomas, patent, SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, Sec. 22-37-11.

Klamath Korporation to Chas. W. Thomas, warranty deed, \$10, lots 9 to 14, inclusive, block 212, Mills Second addition.

Clyde E. Witter to N. R. Dale et ux, warranty deed, \$10, part lot 2, block 65, Nichols addition.

Malin Townsite company to Emma E. Frieclander, warranty deed, \$10, lot 10, block 18, Malin.

Frank E. Adams to Sophia J. Frieclander, trust deed, \$100, lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, block 31, Second addition.

Klamath Development company to Presgard V. P. Valentine, warranty deed, \$10, lot 33A, block 70, Railroad addition.

Ida M. Pulley et vir to Harry L. Ludwick, warranty deed, \$350, all of block 17, Nob Hill addition.

United States to Elmeda Hawkhurst, patent, S 1/2 of NW 1/4, NW 1/4 of NW 1/4, Sec. 24, NE 1/4 of NE 1/4, Sec. 23-37-9.

United States to Mary Motschenbacher, patent, SE 1/4 of NE 1/4, SW 1/4 of NE 1/4, NE 1/4 of SE 1/4, NW 1/4 of NE 1/4, Sec. 15-27-9.

Wm. M. Black to United States, warranty deed, \$705, strip of land 140 feet wide off north side of N 1/2 of NW 1/4, Sec. 35; part of NE 1/4 of NE 1/4, Sec. 34-39-9.

Louis H. Jackson to United States, warranty deed, \$1, right of way over NE 1/4 of SW 1/4, Sec. 27-39-9.

C. L. Court to United States, quit claim deed, \$19.60, NE 1/4 of SW 1/4, Sec. 27-39-9.

Henry Rabbes to United States, quit claim deed, \$1, NE 1/4 of SE 1/4, Sec. 27-39-9.

KEEP JURY'S HEALTH GOOD DELICATE JOB FOR JUDGE

CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—United States District Judge Carpenter is closely guarding the health of the jury in the trial of the ten Chicago meat packers, charged with criminal violation of the Sherman law. He receives a report every morning from the bailiffs on the physical condition of the jurymen, and gives instructions in regard to their care. The jury has been living at a downtown hotel, under guard, since December 19th, and thus far no member has complained of illness. The trial may last until May, and Judge Carpenter is anxious to avoid having the proceedings halted through illness of any juror. The jury is taken for a two-mile walk every morning after breakfast.

Taking of testimony began December 21, and only nine witnesses have been heard. In addition to their testimony, eighty voluminous statistical documents have been offered in evidence. At the present rate it is estimated that it will take the government until May 1st to complete its case as District Attorney Wilkerson still has about seventy witnesses to be called. The defense expects to call 100 or more witnesses and offer a mass of documentary evidence, so that the trial may not be concluded until next August or September.

COURTNEY PAYS THE CASH; NO GLOOMY JAIL FOR HIM

No jail for Samuel Courtney.

He is the man who was ordered by Judge Henry L. Benson to appear in circuit court Monday and pay some on the amount awarded his divorced wife for the support of their two children, or to take up his abode in the county bastille.

He preferred to pay, so made arrangements with the court to assign the debt of \$200 coming from M. M. Warner on a sale of a lot at Golden-dale, Wash.

THOMPSON WANTS SEAT IN SENATE

LAKEVIEW LAWYER, WHO HAS BEEN IN LOWER HOUSE, DECLARES HIMSELF AS ASPIRANT FOR UPPER BRANCH VACANCY

W. Lair Thompson has made the announcement, expected for some time, that he will be a republican candidate for senator from the local district, which embraces Crook, Lake and Klamath counties. His declaration of his intention in this direction is believed to have been made after he had canvassed the situation carefully and became thoroughly convinced that he would be pretty sure of election.

Some time ago he was pressed for an answer to the query as to whether he would run for the place, and said that he would not be a candidate because his law practice had to be attended to.

With the statement from Dr. Geo. H. Merriman that he would not be a candidate for senator, this made it necessary for the party to put up a man and one of the two lower house members, Thompson or H. P. Belknap of Prineville was expected to go after the plum. It seems that the elements favored Thompson, and he is not expected to have any serious opposition. Many believe his candidacy is tantamount to an election.

Ex-Mayor B. St. Geo. Bishop, democrat, stated some time ago that he would be out for the senatorship if so republican were to run. Now that there is a republican an avowed aspirant for the seat, possibly Bishop will come out for sheriff.

Since Bishop contemplated the senatorship, however, a democrat, Chester Avery, decided to make it interesting for all hands by shying his castor into the ring as a candidate for the nomination for sheriff.

Chief of Police Samuel L. Walker has been expected to be a democratic candidate for the shrievalty, but up to date has not definitely announced himself. He was a deputy sheriff until December 26th, in addition to being head of the city's force of uniformed protectors, but on the day after Christmas decided to lay down the cares of the deputyship. Since then he has been unnumbered by a commission to serve under Sheriff William B. Barnett.

UNION WOMEN APPEAL FOR AID TO DOWN HOME RULE

BELFAST, Ireland, Jan. 22.—Fifty thousand women members of the Ulster Unionists' Association have issued a fiery manifesto to their sisters in Great Britain to aid them in defeating the home rule bill.

DUBLIN, Jan. 22.—Most of the active politicians now having returned from a brief holiday, the interest in the home rule campaign is becoming more acute daily.

During the last few weeks the Unionists have made much use of the recent papal decree forbidding Catholics, under pain of excommunication, to summon ecclesiastics before the lay tribunals. Patrick O'Donnell, Bishop of Raphoe, has now followed Archbishop Walsh of Dublin in expressing the opinion that the papal decree does not apply to Ireland.

John Dillon and John Redmond, Nationalist leaders, gave out statements today in regard to the land purchase in Ireland. John Dillon in a letter concerning the tenants in the county of Claira, who have not been able to effect purchases of their land under the terms of the land purchase act of 1903, which empowered the government to lend money to tenants to enable them to purchase their holdings, said:

"If the Lords hold up home rule, it will be necessary to institute a campaign on the land question and bring pressure to bear on the landlords of the county of Claira to sell their estates on reasonable terms."

FAMILIAR COURT FIGURE SUFFERS PAINFUL INJURY

Pat, assistant to the circuit court stenographer, R. M. Richardson, is off color just at present. His standard color is a deep brown, and that has not been affected, but he is not up to par in the matter of physical activity. His left hind prop got badly cut, and he limps now most pitifully. Pat is part Chesapeake spaniel and part field spaniel, but as to which is which is dependent saith not. Pat is the property of Mr. Richardson, and is a familiar figure about the court house, especially in the court room during the trial of cases. Despite his injury he was on duty Monday, but not getting around with his wonted activity.

Put up good candidates and the rest will be easy in this city government problem.

TRADES OFFICERS STAY IN JOBS FOR ANOTHER TERM

FRESNO, Jan. 22.—The state building trades re-elected incumbent officers and chose Los Angeles for the next convention, at which time Harri-man's second mayoralty campaign will be started.