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An Exciting Council Meeting.

Ex-Councilman Knudson Makes Startling Statement Before Council and Citizens.

On Monday evening Ex-councilman Carl Knudson, who returned from Portland on Sunday, appeared before the council and a large body of citizens here assembled and recited an experience which he had undergone recently while in Portland. It seems that one who has had charge of the paying investigations have had detectives in the case and that these detectives have been shadowing the mayor, the council, some of the Warren Construction people and possibly others in an endeavor to find out whether any work had been done in connection with our late street improvements, and that Mr. Knudson had been called to Portland ostensibly for the purpose of closing a business deal, when in reality he had been called there by a detective, who succeeded in getting him into a room and there put through a severe six hour grilling. Mr. Knudson recited as to how the detective endeavored to pass himself off as a brother Mason and thereby gain his confidence. He also recited other things in connection with this case, stay in the room. He said that the detectives stated that one of the councilmen had recently confessed to bribery and that if Mr. Knudson would save himself he had better come through and tell what he knew. The detective had notes and reports in regard to the fact that he had recently bought a new piano, had recently bought this and that thing for his wife. In fact Mr. Knudson said that the detective knew more about

his business than he did himself. He also stated that the detective told him many things in regard to the bank accounts, doings and sayings of other members of the old council the mayor and others, which may or may not have been true, but which we will not publish, as they were undoubtedly said in an endeavor to bluff Carl out, and to publish them might only make a bad matter worse. In telling of his "sweat box" experience Mr. Knudson broke down several times so great was his emotion. Carl has always borne an enviable reputation in regard to his integrity, and he actually felt depressed at the attack that has been made upon his character.

In response to the question as to who among our citizens was responsible for the work of the detectives the names A. G. Beals and F. R. were brought into the controversy, and in reply A. G. Beals stated that the legal aspects of the investigation had been placed into the hands of Tongue & Hagley, attorneys of Hillsboro, and that they were the men who had hired the detectives and that while he knew that detectives were on the case they were not under his advice whatever, and that local people were not responsible for Mr. Knudson being called to Portland, that Hagley & Tongue or the detectives themselves were responsible for this procedure.

There were some arguments pro and con in regard to the work of the detectives, Attorney Huntington of the Warren Construction Co., who had widely been shadowed, defending himself and his company.

The matter of paving and assessments next came up and after some discussion it was decided that Wednesday evening, February 26, be the date set on which the committee make their report in regard to the chemical analysis of the pavement and other things in connection with the matter.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I wish to state that the directors of the National Milk Sugar Co. have decided, owing to the fact that it was impossible to secure contracts for enough whey in this county to make the establishment of their factory for the manufacture of milk sugar from whey a good and sound investment, in view of the physical difficulties to be overcome, and the spirit of apathy and general indifference manifested by many of the citizens, ranchers and merchants alike, toward this and other enterprises for the betterment of the community, to drop the project, at least for the time being, and all offers and propositions made to anyone whatsoever in connection with the matter are hereby withdrawn.

We wish to express our disappointment at this outcome of the matter, particularly in view of the large expense we have been at, and to say that if at any time the community desires that it shall be taken up again and can assure us of the requisite amount of whey to make it feasible, that we will be glad to go into it again and that for the purpose of keeping in touch with the situation and allowing interested parties to communicate with us readily we have designated Mr. Rollie Watson as our agent and representative in Tillamook and that inquiries and propositions made and submitted to him at his office will receive our prompt and careful attention.

To those citizens who have endeavored to assure the success of the project and who have given us their aid and support, we extend our hearty thanks and appreciation. To the President and the progressive members of the Commercial Club and to all those who came forward with offers of financial and other assistance, and particularly to Mr. F. R. Beals, who all through the negotiations has shown that he was

possessed of untiring energy and vim in the promotion and furthering of this enterprise, for the betterment of the community and the establishment in its midst of paying institutions, and whose public spirit, fertile ideas and indomitable zeal have gone so far toward making Tillamook what it is today.

In conclusion I would say that we regret any inconvenience to which some of the ranchers who contracted their whey may have been put because of the uncertainty as to our plans, and thank them particularly for their patience and kindly spirit which they have manifested.

A. H. WILL.

NEW BANK NEARING COMPLETION.

Much of the outside work on the new County Bank has been done and workmen are now busy at inside finishing work on the second floor. The floors are of cement and there is not a thing about the building that will burn except the door jambs and the window frames.

It is thought that the new bank building will be ready for occupancy about April 1st.

Work on the new hotel which is being built in conjunction with the bank building is prospering as the weather permits and it is thought that it will be ready for occupancy by June 1st.

Tom Wilson and son Frank, of Meda, were transacting business in the city Monday.

L. Stuvenga reports that he recently sold 200 cabbage plants to C. E. Donaldson, the largest cabbage raiser in the county. The Fairview people are generally ahead of other localities in these parts in efforts of this kind because they are protected from the cold winds.

Our Weekly Portland Letter

Big Irrigation Work May Be Started at Once. West Umatilla Project Will Water 30,000 Acres.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 18, (Special) Work on the West Umatilla Irrigation project will, in all probability, be begun before Secretary of the Interior Fisher retires from office on March 4. Government engineers have directed preliminary work so that construction may be commenced within the next few weeks.

This project will irrigate 30,000 acres along the Columbia River in Umatilla and Morrow counties and the Government will expend \$2,500,000 on the work. From two to three years will be required to water the land in this unit. More than the required 95 per cent of privately owned land in the project has been pledged to bear the expense of development.

Oregon will, in all probability make a strong showing at this year's dry farming congress. The Immigration Commission has taken the subject up with the railroads and plans will be made early in the year so that a complete exhibit may be prepared.

Work on the Willamette Pacific Railroad, the projected line from Eugene to Coos Bay and south along the coast, is being rushed and it is expected that trains will be running from Eugene to Mapleton next fall. It is thought the line to the coast will be completed early next spring. Construction work is being pushed along the Siuslaw westward.

Dates for Oregon Fairs next fall were fixed at a recent conference of

the North Pacific Fair Association. Opening days were set as follows: Oregon State Fair, September 29; Medford, September 10; Roseburg, September 15.

The Vale Chamber of Commerce is taking care of the boys of the city by allowing them the use of its handsomely appointed club rooms twice each week. This is probably the first city in the state to take the rising generation into partnership in its development work and is a move that is certain to have good results.

The Pacific Fruit Association is the latest organization formed to encourage the best methods of fruit growing, packing and marketing. The establishment of uniform grades, distribution of reliable market intelligence and affiliation with central marketing agencies are among the objects aimed at. Fruit growers of Western Oregon are interested in the Association and its headquarters are at Portland.

Having succeeded in its object of settling the available land about Fort Rock, Klamath County, the Loma Vista Homesteaders' Association has changed its name to the Loma Vista Development Association. Hereafter this organization will give its attention to developing its territory. Two new members of the Oregon Development League that came in during the past week were the Agness Commercial Club and the Pleasant Valley Push Club.

A scientist says that Klamath, Oregon, was the original first city built by Cain, when banished from the Garden of Eden. The Argus long since could have told him that the Garden of Eden was in the Willamette Valley—but rather disputes the Klamath proposition. We think Cain left here and settled over in Tillamook—for they have been raising Cain over there for countless ages.—Hillsboro Argus.



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