

WATER USERS ELECTION IS WARMING UP

Orme Candidate for Re-election; Fred H. Perkins Opposes Him; Twenty-five Names on Ballot for April 7 Election

WATER USERS ELECTION GETTING UNDER WAY

For President

John P. Orme of Phoenix, F. H. Perkins of Peoria. These are the two who will campaign for the suffrages of the Water Users in the coming presidential fight. Mr. Orme is the present holder of the office. Mr. Perkins is a ranch owner in the Glendale-Peoria section, and a son of that Perkins who is a well known sheepman in the north of the state.

With his hat emphatically in the ring, John P. Orme, present head of the Salt River Valley Water Users' Association stands out now as the only candidate who has made an official announcement. F. H. Perkins of Peoria, it is understood, will have his notification in the office of the secretary tomorrow. He is being talked of as the only man now desiring to oppose Orme for re-election.

Twenty-five names will grace the ballot in the coming Water Users' election, to be held in this valley April 7. There will be vacancies in the offices of president, vice president, ten three year, two two year and one one year councilmen, and ten governors.

The retiring officers are: President John P. Orme, Vice President E. W. Wilbur. Governors C. H. Barkley of district 1, F. M. Wilkinson 2, H. J. Hanson 3, J. J. Casey 4, Laurits Lassen 5, E. J. Bennett 6, E. O. Brown 7, W. J. Clemons 8, H. B. Morris 9 and W. W. Dobson 10.

Retiring councilmen in order of districts, Rudolph Kachler, W. H. Wilky, L. E. Graham, W. H. Kay, M. D. Novinger, W. J. Murphy, Wm. Creighton, A. A. Wood, D. F. Jones, W. T. Tweedy.

There are vacancies in district 1, owing to the disqualification of Fred

PARADE OF MEN 300 STRONG

Members of Men's Religious Federation Parade Downtown As Demonstration for Righteousness. Tabernacle Crowded

Three hundred of the men of Phoenix paraded the downtown streets last evening from the Y. M. C. A., through the business district and over to the reformed skating rink, where the great Brown and Curry meeting is being held. It was quite a demonstration for righteousness that moved hundreds, and many followed the throng to the auditorium and flocked in to hear the gospel message of the revivalists. The big building was crowded, and at the close fifty people went forward to take the proposition made by the preacher. The subject of the evening's discussion was "Prisoners," and Rev. John E. Brown delivered a powerful message upon the subject. No little part of the evening's service was the work of the great chorus choir which really gets better every night, and the directing of Prof. Curry who has won many friends by his consistent endeavor in assisting in making the meeting a success.

The subject of the morning session this morning will be "Suffering" while tonight the discussion will be "Young People's Night, just the same as the service last night was devoted to "The Men's Federation" of the city.

H. Perkins, in the ninth by the disqualification of W. A. McDonald and in the tenth by the death of A. A. Burke. Perkins and McDonald have sold their holdings in their districts.

Dan P. Jones, having withdrawn from the association in order to become one of the irrigation superintendents on the south side is ineligible for re-election. It is understood that W. H. Kay and W. J. Murphy will not run again. But aside from these few, all the others will be candidates again.

By the laws of the association, the president and vice president serve two years, the governors one year, ten council one year, ten two years and ten three years. Ten councilmen are regularly elected each year, except where there happen to be vacancies.

Legal adviser, treasurer and secretary are appointed by the board each term. The present holders of those offices are George D. Christy, George H. Lutzgerding and Charles A. Vander Veer.

REBUILDING THE CAR LINE

Superintendent Mitchell of the Street Railway Company Explains the Cause of Suspension of Work On Indian School Line

Some inquiry has been made why the work of rebuilding the Indian school car line has been suspended, though it has been ordered by the corporation commission some months ago. Superintendent Mitchell of the street railway company in a letter to the Republican explains that the delay has been caused by a failure to get the grade on First street, on account of the congested condition in the office of the city engineer. But the company expects soon to secure the grade, when work will be resumed on First street. Mr. Mitchell encloses a copy of a letter by him to the city council on the subject, as follows:

March 31, 1914.

The Common Council of the City of Phoenix, Phoenix, Arizona, Gentlemen:

Supplementing our written request of November 18th last, we again request your honorable body to establish a grade on First street between Adams and Roosevelt, and on Monroe Street between Second Avenue and First Street, so that we may proceed to complete our work of track construction on the above mentioned streets in accordance with the orders of the corporation commission of the state of Arizona.

Some weeks ago your city engineer was furnished by us with blue prints giving full information regarding trackwork to be laid on said streets as required by the corporation commission, which prints show single and double tracks, all curves, crossings, all distances from street center, and we believe all full information, it being our desire to use the same grade that will be used for any paving that may be placed on said streets at a later date.

In a letter from your city engineer he makes mention of "The proposed pavement on North First Street from Adams to Roosevelt," and we again request your honorable body to delay the paving of First Street for at least one year. It is not our desire to prevent the paving of the streets of the city of Phoenix, but are strongly desirous that First Street be left as it has been for the last thirty years—unpaved, for at least one year after the completion of our track work, on account of the enormous expense that it will be necessary for this company to take care of, on account of the laying of the proposed tracks, and if paving takes place at the same time it will be a very heavy burden on this company, and we consider this request a reasonable one.

If the same terms of paving were applied to the paving work done on our tracks as applied to the paving done for property holders, which allows them ten years to make their payments, it would be a different proposition, but the payment of our entire account is due within sixty days after same is completed.

Should the paving of First Street be ordered at the present time, we shall feel obliged to apply to the corporation commission to modify their present order so as to allow us to lay a single track instead of double, between Adams and Roosevelt, and we trust that it will not be necessary to place us in this position, as it is our desire to comply with the requests made by the corporation commission.

Trusting that your honorable body will furnish us the grade as requested, and that the question of paving will be delayed as suggested above, we beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

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STRENUOUS LEGISLATIVE

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repeal champions considerable concern.

One of the first guns of the opposition to the repeal in the senate was fired today by Chairman Chamberlain of Oregon, through the introduction of a resolution calling upon the secretary of war for all available information as to the cost of maintenance of navigable rivers and canals through which all shipping, by the act passed in 1884, is guaranteed passage free of tolls. In the preamble to the resolution, it was asserted that if the policy of the government in relation to the Panama canal tolls is reversed, the policy with reference to all rivers and canals also should be changed, and tolls charged to all shipping to pay the government for maintaining the waterways.

"My chief purpose in introducing the resolution," Senator Chamberlain said tonight, "is to show if, as the repeal champions maintain, the toll exemption to American ships is a ship subsidy granted by the government, that it has always been the policy of the government since 1884 to subsidize our shipping. If we are going to charge our shipping tolls at Panama we ought to charge tolls elsewhere."

New York Resolution ALBANY, March 24.—The lower house of the state legislature today adopted resolutions opposing the tolls repeal.

The number of organized wage workers in the world is estimated at 15,000,000.

PLAYGROUNDS FOR CHILDREN

At Luncheon In Honor of George A. Bellamy of National Association. A Survey Determined Upon and Money Voted

A resolution for a survey of Phoenix under the direction of the National Playgrounds association was adopted yesterday at a luncheon given by the board of trade in honor of George A. Bellamy, a representative of the association. The survey, it was stated, would cost \$400. Of that amount, \$200 was subscribed or voted at once: \$100 each by the grammar and the high school boards and \$100 by the board of trade. Assurance was given that the rest of the required amount would be contributed by the city.

There were present at the luncheon beside the guest of honor and the directors of the board of trade, each of the school boards, the members of the city council and Mayor-elect Young and the commissioners-elect.

Mr. Bellamy addressed the meeting on the subject of playgrounds and city planning. Mr. Bellamy disclaims being an orator but he is a most convincing talker and he has the merit that it should be known precisely what he is talking about when he takes up the subject of city planning. It was essential, he said, that the business of beautifying a city should be gone about systematically and the playgrounds should be made a part of the plan; they should also be located so as to be consonant with other improvements undertaken at the time, or contemplated in the future. By being "contemplated," it was understood that he meant that it should be known precisely what the improvements were to be, however long in the future they might be made, and every step would be in the direction of harmony.

The need of playgrounds, said Mr. Bellamy had come to be generally recognized in every progressive community. It was as important that boys and girls should play as well as study and that men and women should play as well as work.

Aside from the case of children, from the physical advantages of play and healthful entertainment there is a moral advantage. In the absence of playgrounds, affording healthful exercise, enlisting the interest of the boy, he is apt to be found about the cigar stand. Girls grow to be better women, morally and physically for the exercise on the playground. Men and women acquire a greater zest for the more serious things of life in the atmosphere of the playground.

Mr. Bellamy described the character of the survey that would be made, the data that would have to be collected. At the close of his remarks there was a brief address by the mayor-elect in support of the playgrounds movement and then came the adoption of the resolution favoring the survey.

In connection with the playground subject, Mr. Ely of the grammar school who was present at the meeting, mentioned a plan which the board would undertake for the entertainment of the children of the city on the completion of the Seventh street building. Arrangements have been made for the purchase of a moving picture apparatus with which weekly exhibitions will be given in the large auditorium, which will seat 1500. These pictures will be of an educational character, to quicken interest in geography, history and other subjects which children generally find dull in the books.

GRAFT CHARGES BRING

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in California when they failed to receive awards.

"I object," he said, "to these men soiling their clothes in California and then coming over here and trying to wash them, especially when they try to make me part of their dirty linen."

"If we had one or two years more to serve," said McDermott, "I don't think we would tonight be accused of wrong doing. But these men want to delay action until another body takes up the reins of city government. We started in upon this fire apparatus matter as long ago as three years. We have taken the trouble every time we have been out of town, to investigate fire apparatus. These men want our business because they are trying to get a foothold in Arizona and to be able to point out in other towns in this state that they have already placed their apparatus in the capital city. They have become jealous and with that a little bit dirty. Today I was called to the Arizona Club to meet with a committee on another matter. I found one of these men sitting with Brady O'Neil. One of these men made the statement there that the Seagraves deal was pre-arranged three weeks ago and that Cisney and Warren were getting graft out of it."

"Later I found Cisney and told him I wanted to have him see Daggett, (that's the man who was sitting with O'Neil) and to have Warren along. Later I met Daggett at the Hotel Adams and in the presence of Cisney he denied having made the statement. I object to these California fellows coming over here and trying to start a dirty snapp."

Before McDermott had an opportunity to become seated, Mayor Christy called him to his seat and took the floor.

"I would like to state," said the mayor, "that I have been a member of the council for five years, and this is the first time that anyone has dared to stand up and make any statement

NEW RAILROAD HEARING TODAY

Board of Trade to Be Scene of Public Hearing at 3 O'clock Upon Franchise Business. Everybody Invited.

Another attempt will be made today to get all the information possible relative to the coming of the new railroad to Phoenix and its needs in matters of right of way and terminal facilities, at a public hearing at the Board of Trade building at 3 o'clock. All the committees appointed by the City Council on this matter are requested to be present to hear the statements.

Dr. Ancil Martin, chairman of the Board of Trade committee will preside, and every man interested will be given an opportunity to voice his sentiments.

It is understood the representatives of the Tucson, Phoenix & Tulewater Railway Company will be on hand also and may have something interesting to say relative to the question at issue.

This meeting is the outcome of the request made of the City Council at the session on Monday night, when the matter of the franchise for a right of way down Madison street was before the council. At that time additional time in which to obtain information was asked, and the matter was laid over a week. It is hoped that the session this afternoon will do a lot towards clearing up the doubts that are in the minds of some relative to the road and facilitate matters so that the company's representatives will have no cause to complain at the treatment accorded them.

against a member of this body. I have known Councilmen Cisney and Warren for many years and I think these insinuations should be scathed.

"This council sent Cisney, Street Superintendent Thompson and myself to various cities to look up pavement matters. We were gone a week and Mr. Cisney spent part of the time looking up fire apparatus.

"Three years ago I was sent to Washington to try and get permission to sell bonds for fire equipment. The people of Phoenix have long demanded that we improve the equipment of the fire department. I went to Washington at my own expense, beyond actual transportation. I spent almost three weeks in Washington trying to get the Senators and Congressmen to permit us to bond ourselves for \$75,000 and Congress refused to allow it, saying Arizona was about to become a state and that we should be able to take care of the matter ourselves at that time.

"One year later we became a state and immediately I requested the City Attorney to draw up a bill to go before the legislature asking for the same permission. Later a bill about the same as that originally presented, was passed. Then came the delays of having bond elections, with the history of which we are all familiar. Finally we secured the money. All along the, insurance underwriters have been telling us that unless we secured additional and better equipment our insurance rates would be raised and they have been raised in some instances as high as fifty per cent.

"When anybody thinks this City Council has been pushing this thing just to spend the money before we go out of office, they are mistaken. Three of the commissioners-elect have this very day asked us to complete this business.

"We have been accused of holding a star chamber session. We did not hold a star chamber session. We did close the doors against the general public for the only reason that it would have been a physical impossibility to have transacted the business with the big crowd present that was attempting to secure admittance to these small rooms.

"I wish to say in behalf of my colleagues that in making charges of graft these California men are absolutely mistaken.

"Few people realize the duties of a Councilman. I wish to say, that all the time I have been of this council, we have held upon an average three meetings each week and often as high as five meetings. I know I have spent one-third of the salary I have earned as cashier of the Valley Bank in the past three years for the mere pleasure of being mayor and that without one cent of salary or other remuneration from the city. I think it is pretty poor business for any man to charge any member of this council with graft.

"Mr. McDermott, Mr. McElroy and myself want to know if we have been associating with men who are not honest. I would suggest that we withhold

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final action until next Monday evening and that in the meantime the City Attorney be instructed to confer with these men and to make a report of what he finds with relation to these charges of wrong doing." And then a resolution was adopted based upon the suggestion of the mayor and adjournment was taken.

All of yesterday the atmosphere seemed highly charged and tension was at breaking point when the special meeting was convened last evening. When it became known that there was a probability that an injunction might be asked and that dirty charges were likely to be preferred by the Californians the councilmen interested, were sought by their friends and who wished to know from what source the charges had emanated. Upon several occasions it seemed that clashes could hardly be avoided. The men accused of making these charges did not appear in the Council Chamber last evening while the meeting was in session, although a desire was expressed more than once that they make open statements.

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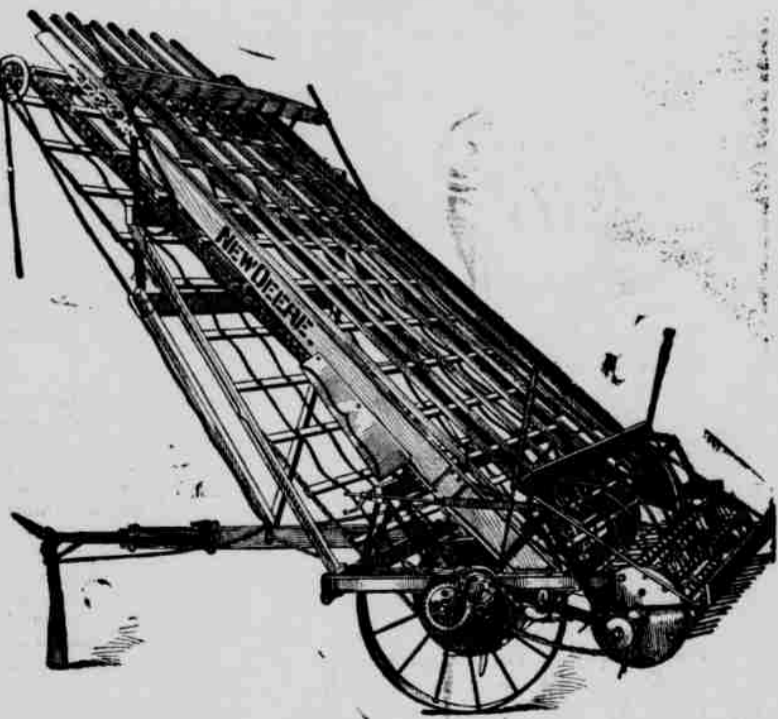
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