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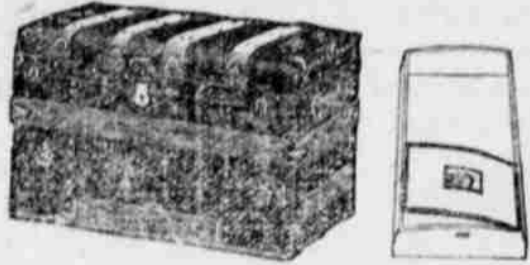
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### BUY BOOTH-KELLY MILLS AND BUILD Options on Lumber Concern and Corvallis & Eastern Used by Co-operative Federation

Taking over the mammoth system of sawmills in Southern Oregon, under the present control of the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company, the purchase of the entire land grant known as the Oregon Military Wagon Road, extending from Eugene across the state to Ontario, skirting southward a number of miles to include the richest sections in that part of the state, and the acquiring of the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad to extend it south over a right-of-way that will pass to the westward of Harney Lake and travel over old surveys to Winnemucca, Nevada, and there connect with Gould's Western Pacific, is learned today to be a part of the plan of the Co-operative Christian Federation. Included in this gigantic scheme is the construction of a connecting line between the Corvallis & Eastern and Portland. The federation was recently formed in Portland. Options on these holdings and detailed plans are being used to obtain capital in the East.

These facts have been placed in the possession of The Telegram, and while H. S. Wallace, president of the federation, denies that the deals mentioned have been closed, it is learned authoritatively that the deeds and other papers for the transfer of the Booth-Kelly interests in the chain of mills and the thousands of acres of land embraced in the wagon road grant, which is 12 miles wide, were sent East a week ago, and there is every reason to believe the necessary signatures will be affixed to the documents which will turn the ownership over to the federation.

No information vouchsafed by the officers of the corporation handling the enterprise. They display a reticence with reference to their plans, and practically prove an insurmountable barrier between them and the public, but it can be positively asserted negotiations are now pending looking to the purchase of the Corvallis & Eastern, and, so far as this part of the undertaking is concerned, the prospects are most brilliant that the property will change ownership.

The federation yesterday issued its prospectus. In the leaflet it is set forth the federation proposes to purchase large and mainly undeveloped tracts of land on which will be established enterprises of various kinds. Bond issues will be made to pay for the properties, and arrangements have been made with the American Bond Company, of New York, to pay the issues, it being said substantial security has been given to insure this. Houses in the settlements will be built for wage-earners and sold on the installment plan, 5 per cent interest being added, and the homes are to be modern in every respect. Schools, churches, hospitals and tuition in the University of Oregon and Oregon Agricultural College is included. Widows and orphans are to be cared for, and every bondholder is to share in the profits of the enterprise.

If a member of the settlement breaks the moral law or becomes an unfit or dangerous person, he is to be ejected from the settlement, and all quarrels and differences are to be settled by arbitration. The circular states, "The principles of the federation are fraternal, not paternal, it is stated in the announcement. "It has no church, but is based on the ethics laid down by Jesus Christ."

The companies expected to furnish the capital are the Title Guarantee & Trust Company, of New York, and the Trust Com-

pany of America, and investment from the fund securing the payment of 5 per cent on the bonds for the first five years will be managed and invested by local institutions in co-operation with the Commercial Trust Company, of New Jersey. Honorary memberships have been offered at \$10 each, and the first to respond with a check was W. D. Wheelright, president of the Chamber of Commerce. It is estimated that not more than \$5000 will be needed to start the settlement, and the funds required for the federation enterprises are to be provided by the bond issues, and no work is to be undertaken or liabilities incurred until the sufficient number of bonds have been subscribed.—Telegram.

### CUTTING SCRAPE AT LAKEVIEW

The quiet of our little city was turned into chaos a little after 1 o'clock Monday, when screams were heard at the Brautlacht residence, and men running in that direction found Louie Brautlacht, brewer for Ayres & Schlagel, and J. S. Fuller, of Mammoth Livery Stables, in deadly combat, and Fuller bleeding from more than a dozen ghastly knife wounds. Jim Partin, Wm. Gunther and Warner Snider were the first upon the scene and separated the two men.

The fight commenced in an upstairs room in the Brautlacht house. Fuller had gone there a few minutes before, and is alleged, to see about getting some light buggy robes washed. Shortly after Fuller entered the house, Brautlacht came in and went up stairs and, he alleges, upon trying to enter a room, found the door locked. And he further says that he kicked the door open, and saw his wife and Fuller in the room. Then and there, it is said, the cutting commenced. Brautlacht had a pocket knife and Fuller, being unarmed, when he felt the cold steel plunging into his body, grasped Brautlacht by the wrist and struggled to escape. The struggle led the two men down the stairs and out in the yard. Mr. Brautlacht is a very strong man and Fuller was unable to ward off the knife, and by the time men reached the spot to separate them, Fuller was too weak, from loss of blood, to offer further resistance. Had the knife blade been a half inch longer, Fuller would probably have been killed on the spot.

Mrs. Brautlacht was also stabbed in the breast, said to have been done while she was trying to separate the two men. Her wound is not thought to be dangerous. Fuller was taken to Ahlstroms harness shop, a couple of blocks distant, where Dr. Hall saw him and ordered him taken to the hotel.

About 20 cuts in all were inflicted, thirteen of which were ghastly and had to be sewed up. The flesh wounds on the arms were deep slashes, one or two being about 6 inches long. There were three stabs in the lower part of the back; two in the left breast which went through the breast; one just under the left breast and ranged toward the heart, only missing that vital spot by a half inch; and one, a most serious stab, in the back, between the neck and right shoulder, which went through into the lungs.

Joe's wounds are of a very serious nature, and the warm weather makes recovery more difficult. However, as we go to press he is resting easy and hopes are entertained that his strong vitality will aid him through.

Brautlacht gave himself up to the sheriff, and the same evening waived examination and bonds were placed at \$3,000, the charge being "assault with dangerous weapon with intent to kill." Bail was furnished Monday evening, and Brautlacht resumed work at the brewery.—Lakeview Examiner.

### UMATILLA SHERIFF IS SHORT \$21,000

Reported in Pendleton That Irregularities in Office Extend for Seven Years

A sensational report spread through Pendleton last week to the effect that Sheriff T. D. Taylor, of Umatilla county was short in his accounts between \$20,000 and \$21,000. The deficit was first discovered by County Experts Clark and Buchanan while inspecting the records. Yesterday afternoon District Attorney Phelps called Sheriff Taylor's attention to the alleged shortage.

Sheriff Taylor seems overwhelmed by the revelations and remained in his office nearly all day in conference with deputies. Before making a full statement he is awaiting the final report of experts who have the matter in hand.

Twelve thousand dollars was turned over to the county treasurer yesterday by the sheriff, but it was simply money which had been delayed since June on account of the rolls not being balanced.

"The experts have not made any report as yet, and I do not know what is claimed," said the sheriff, "but I believe that it will come out all right when the matter is fully straightened out."

"I know that there is still some money to be turned over on some of those old rolls, and I will not know just what the amount is until the books are balanced, but I cannot believe that there is anything wrong with the accounts." Deputy Davis, who it is understood had charge of the bookkeeping both for this administration and for the Blakeley term just preceding, refuses to say anything, referring all to the sheriff. County Treasurer Summerville states that \$12,000 was turned over by the sheriff yesterday and he believes that \$8,000 of this was it is believed to have been secured from private sources by the sheriff to apply on the shortage.

It is claimed that the irregularities date as far back as 1897 when Representative William Blakeley was sheriff and that the alleged shortage during that administration was approximately \$4,000. During the last seven years the moneys and accounts of the offices have been in charge of one of the deputies, but who will be held responsible for the alleged irregularity will not be determined for some time to come.

It is expected that the work in clearing up the sheriff's office will be completed this week, when exact figures will be secured concerning the alleged shortage.

### WORK PUSHED ON KLAMATH PROJECT

Numerous unique engineering problems are encountered in the Klamath reclamation project, which embraces the largest area of irrigable land embraced in any of the numerous government irrigation enterprises nearing a construction stage. Relief models of the project are on exhibition in the Forestry and Irrigation buildings at the Lewis and Clark exposition, and are proving one of the main attractions to fair visitors from this region, says the Portland Journal.

During the current quarter, in addition to the survey work which has been continuously prosecuted, much has been accomplished in the matter of purchase of necessary reservoir and dam sites, and in the amicable settlement with the various canal companies. The preliminary estimates and plans have been carefully reviewed and approved, and the chief engineer recommends the project for early construction.

The option for the purchase of

the Ankeny canal at a cost of \$50,000 and the recognition of the water right now vested in the 1,789 acres of land now owned by the proprietors of the canal was extended to June 1 and, although this option has now lapsed, Mr. Ankeny is completing abstracts of title to the property preparatory to making transfer to the United States. An option for the purchase of the Adams canal at a cost of \$100,000 has been obtained from F. L. Adams, the latter to sign up his 2,000 acres of land with the Water User's association, which would in effect reduce the purchase price to about \$66,000. The Ankeny and Adams canals have each been irrigating some \$5,000 acres of land for the past 15 years and both canals can be utilized as lateral systems of the proposed government project. Negotiations with the Klamath Canal company have finally been brought to a successful issue, an agreement having been entered into for the surrender of all its canal property and water rights to the United States for \$150,000.

Terms of settlement have been agreed upon for the purchase of the Clear lake reservoir site embracing some 25,000 acres of lake and lands riparian thereto, together with riparian rights on Tule lake, 12 miles of existing canal, rights of way for new canals, etc., and the final steps for the transfer of this property to the United States are now under way.

Detail topographic work to control final location of the distributary system has been in progress since April 15, and some 70 square miles have already been mapped. These maps are made on a scale of 2,000 feet to the inch, with contour intervals of 2 1/2 inches and 10 inches, depending upon steepness of slope, and from present indications will cost less than \$16 per square mile.

Stream gaugings and evaporation observations have been continued, and in addition the work of lake and river sounding has been taken up in more detail than heretofore.

It is expected that this month will see at least one locating party to fix final location of canal in the field and that a boring outfit will have commenced operations and the preparations of final plans and specifications for certain parts of the work will be under way.

At present 85 per cent of the private lands have been signed up under the project, and it is believed that nearly all of the land will come in within a few weeks.

During the coming quarter topographic work will be completed and practically all the locations for the lower project will be fixed, when a considerable force of men may be relieved. The work of sinking test piers along the lines of canal, and that of boring at dam sites and elsewhere will be nearly, if not quite, completed. Designs and specifications will be prepared as rapidly as the results of boring and other field operations permit. The regular hydrographic work will be continued. The soil classification will be completed and also a report on drainage conditions.

### SEE BENEFITS OF HAVING UNION

There is a movement on foot to organize the wool growers of this county into an association, says the Burns Times Herald. At Shaniko this year, with an association and the seal-bid system, wool producers received as high as 26 cents. In this county, with the exception of one clip of 50,000 pounds, which has not yet been sold, the highest price received was 20 cents.

The first sheep were brought to what is now Harney county in 1883. At that time the principal industry of the country was stock-raising, and there was a strong prejudice against sheep. But time has nearly, if not quite eliminated this ill feeling, and today the production of wool is one of the leading industries of the county.

## Announcement

Boyd Adams having purchased an interest with C. C. Dunham in the New York Racket Store, and they having purchased the stock of Clothing and Furnishing Goods of B. Gormley desire to announce to the public that the new firm has moved into the building formerly occupied by Mr. Gormley and will do business in our new quarters under the firm name of the

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