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Klamath Neglected and Would Secede

At a recent meeting of the Portland Chamber of Commerce Judge T. Baldwin of Klamath county, made the statement that if a vote were taken today in Klamath county, 90 per cent of the voters would be found to favor annexation of that county to California. This sentiment has been caused largely, he claimed, by the fact that this county has been neglected by the state, and particularly Portland. The business men and residents in that section want to transact business with Portland, but they have no good connecting highways, or no railroads in the direction.

What they want is the construction of what is known as the Natron cut-off connecting Oakridge with Kirk, a distance of approximately 50 miles, and more good highways to the north and west.

"This is a great opportunity for you," he continued. "Build this little gap of railroad, known as the Natron cut-off, and you will be able to control the situation. Business should come this way, but it will not come until the transportation facilities are provided."

As a result of Judge Baldwin's statements a committee of three was appointed by the board of directors of the Portland Chamber of Commerce to go to Klamath county and make investigation to determine what shall be done to meet the wishes of residents of that section.

SUBSCRIBERS MUST

PAY TO RELIEF FUND
Semi-official notification has been received from the National Red Cross Treasury, indicating that another drive will soon be made for the Red Cross. We therefore appeal to the subscribers to the Patriotic Fund who are in arrears, to make payment at once, in order that we may have funds on hand to meet our quota when the demand is made. Quite a number of the subscribers have paid their subscription in full for the year, and in justice to them we trust the payments will be made promptly. Committees will start out the first of next week with this aim in view.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

"Victory Garden" is Latest Problem

Now that "war gardens" are a thing of the past, the next movement along that line is a "Victory Garden." The lessons learned from the former during the past two years are of as much usefulness at the present time, and the present time is right now, when spring symptoms are beginning to be noticed.

The need for food is just as great at present as it was last year and the year before. People have learned that the backyard garden carves a big hole out of the grocery bill, and if properly managed, a garden plot can be made to yield all kinds of edible truck for canning against the winter.

Indications are that there will be gardens aplenty this year. While a large army will not have to be fed, Europe has appealed to America for food, and if that is forthcoming, the necessity for each individual household to raise as much as possible will be as great this year as last. The "feel of spring" in the air of the past few days should bring out the spade and rake, and the perusal of the alluring seed catalogue.

NOVEMBER ELECTION LEGAL

SAYS CITY ATTORNEY
Owing to some discussion as to the legality of the election of the Mayor and Councilmen at the election held November 5th, 1918, I have, at the request of the Council, rendered a written opinion and filed same with the City Recorder where it may be read by any person desiring to see it. Said opinion is rather lengthy for publication, and I just wish to say to the public that it is my opinion that the Mayor and Council were legally elected to the several offices in which they are now serving, and numerous authorities are cited in said written opinion in support of such opinion.

L. A. ROBERTS,
City Attorney.

BOOTH ACKNOWLEDGES SUPPORT OF ASHLAND

R. A. Booth in a recent letter to E. V. Carter, expresses himself as most heartily pleased with the many messages he has received from the Ashland clubs and individuals asking him to remain on the highway commission. As Mr. Booth was on the eve of starting from Eugene for a tour over the roads in the eastern part of the state, he did not have time to acknowledge each letter before leaving.

No definite statement has been given out by Mr. Booth whether he will remain on the highway commission or not. He has been besieged by hosts of people and commercial and business men's clubs in Southern Oregon to remain, and it is thought he will probably make some statement when he returns from his present trip. No man is better posted on the needs of the highways than Mr. Booth, as he has visited all sections and has studied conditions in a thorough manner.

Peace Treaty Draft is Now Completed

A recent dispatch from London states that Premier Lloyd George and Foreign Secretary Balfour have sent word to their colleagues that the peace conference has nearly completed its work, the Evening News says it understands. The draft of the peace treaty already has been finished and will be signed before the end of March.

When the Germans are summoned to Paris, the News adds, the treaty will be read to them and they will be invited to sign it. There will be no discussion whatever to alterations of the principal articles of the treaty. If it is thought necessary, questions involving the adjustment of details will be referred to a special commission.

According to a statement from Paris dated March 11, military Germany will go out of existence as the result of adoption by the supreme council of the military terms of German disarmament as they will go into the peace treaty. These terms provide for a sweeping reduction of the German military establishment down to 100,000 men with 4,000 officers, the army to be recruited by the voluntary system for the period of 12 years. The effect of this is to limit Germany's strength to less than the number of men Switzerland has in her army.

Other provisions in the military terms limit the arms and munitions. Germany may have to a quantity sufficient for 100,000 men and all the remainder must be delivered over or destroyed. The German forts along the Rhine also must be destroyed. The imperial general staff is abolished as the result of reducing the force.

Paving Bids to be Made For Highways

R. A. Booth in a letter to County Judge Gardner states that at a special meeting of the highway commission to be held March 26, bids will be asked for grading and paving the road from the city limits of Ashland to the foot of the Siskiyou. This road will be what is known as the middle route, and is being surveyed at present. Bids will also be asked for the paving of the Siskiyou as soon as conditions are favorable. These bids will be asked for at either a special meeting or at the regular meeting in April.

Other important road work in Jackson county, Mr. Booth states, has been decided upon are the Blackwell Hill route from Central Point to Josephine county which is now being surveyed, and the Green Mountain road which will be pushed this year. Mr. Booth claims that within thirty days all the Pacific highway in Jackson county will be disposed of.

The new United States Standard locomotives and equipment are being distributed over the country and are working their way into the west. The Western Pacific Railroad has received four light Mikado type that are attracting much attention among railroad men.

Ashland Company of National Guard Mustered In Last Night

Ashland's new National Guard company was mustered into service at the armory last evening with a full quota of members and several over which were necessary to fill in, in case members drop out or fail to pass. Major J. Frank Drake of the adjutant general's office of Portland was present and mustered in and inspected the company. The organization was only provisional last night as it will further be inspected and approved by an officer from the war department before it is finally accepted in the federal service. A rigid military, mental and physical examination of the provisional officers will also be made before the final organization is completed.

The names of 196 were accorded on the muster roll last evening at the time of the organization, although more are being added right along. At the hour of organizing interest reached a high pitch, and several who had paid little attention to the project previously, were carried away by the enthusiasm and patriotism prevailing at the meeting, and eagerly sought admittance into the new National Guard company. Following is the muster roll up to last night:

- William B. Allen, Roy D. Anderson,
- George H. Billings, Earl A. Brown, Samuel E. Brady, Arvin A. Burnett, Clark Bush, Elmer C. Biegel, William M. Briggs, John F. Butler,
- Lloyd P. Crowson, Fred M. Carter, Charles J. Cooley, James R. Clary, Homer Carlson, Henry B. Carter, William I. Childreth, William Cress, William R. Clary, John H. Dill, Samuel S. Davies, Loyal H. Dyer, Carl C. Darling, Calvin R. Dennis,
- Homer H. Elhart, Herbert G. Eastman, Dorman D. Edwards, Henry T. Elmore, Arthur W. Ellis,
- Henry W. Frame, Howard Fox, Paul Gulley, George N. Gray, Edward Gyger, Dwight W. Gregg, Geo. R. Gohrke, Norris J. Goddard, Clarence L. Gale, Clyde M. Gunter, Millard W. Grubb, James M. Gasper, William F. Guisinger,
- Bert H. Hinthorne, Malcolm N. Humphreys, Clarence I. Homes, Stewart C. Hast, Elza Haviland, George B. Holley,
- Charles A. King, Leo W. Kenyon, Marlon Kincaid,
- William Lindsey, Lloyd S. Lacy, John E. Lacy,
- Samuel B. McNair, Walter P. Mikesch, Elmer S. Morrison, Francis J. Murphy, Frank S. Maness, Edwin L. Mowat, Charles E. Mackey, Phillip S. Moriarity, William E. Moor, Vern V. Mills, Chester C. MacCrack-

en, Paul A. Mars, John R. Miller, Louis J. Orres, Henry S. Palmerlee, William B. Penniston, Winfred C. Payne, Irving W. Porter, George E. Plaisted, Lester M. Phillips, Chester F. Phillips, Domingo S. Provost, John R. Pittenger, John M. Pierce, James L. Porter, Arthur Peterson, Benjamin L. Powell,

George W. Ross, Jr., Charles C. Robertson, Theodore V. Russell, Peter L. Spencer, James M. Sawyer, Theodore H. Smith, Ross M. Small, John G. Swain, Frank B. Sankey, Charles B. Seaman, George E. Stannard, Harry W. Silver, Percy C. Stratton, Steven R. Schuerman, Horace C. Sergeant, Earl P. Smith, Howard W. Shutt, Charles C. Snyder, Willard Veale,

Eric H. Weren, Donald D. Walker, Lawrence M. Wilson, Horatio G. Wolcott, Harry D. Young, Clyde G. Young. The new National Guard is federalized and the members are enlisted as United States soldiers, subject to call on military duty anywhere in the United States. They are also subject to call by the governor anywhere in the state. The men draw one dollar for every drill attended, but to draw this there must be a certain percentage of the organization in attendance at drill. All their equipment is furnished and expenses paid by the government. At the organization last evening Captain H. W. Frame was elected captain of the new company. The other commissioned officers will either be appointed by the captain or elected by the company. The Ashland company will be a part of the new Third Oregon regiment which is being organized.

After the company was mustered in a social period followed to which the public participated. Dancing was kept up until a late hour with music furnished by the Potter orchestra, and refreshments were served. A large company was present and enjoyed the hospitality of the National Guard members, whose good cheer and happy fellowship brought back the old-time sociability for which the Ashland armory has been famous. The success of this venture was so great that the guard promise many repetitions of the social feature in the future.

First Lieutenant J. B. Webster has been selected medical examiner of the new company, and all the members are requested to report to the armory next Monday night for the medical examination, as well as to participate in other important business.

Early Fire Burned House and Contents

The residence on the I. R. Bate-man ranch near the Bellevue school house was burned to the ground at an early hour Tuesday morning with all of its contents. The house was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Guy W. Randles. The former had arisen at an early hour and kindled the fire, after which he went back to bed to wait for the house to be warm. He evidently dropped off to sleep, as the first thing he knew the partitions between the bedroom and living room were ablaze. Mr. and Mrs. Randles were forced to vacate the house in their night clothing and the fire had got such a start that none of the furniture could be saved. The house was comparatively new and carried no insurance, neither did Mr. Randles have insurance on his furniture.

CHICKENS STOLEN

AT MIDNIGHT RAID
Ole Lindstrom, who lives on Oberlin street and who owns a fine flock of chickens, was visited by chicken thieves Saturday night and as a result of the depredations he is short 18 fowls. Neighbors living next door heard a commotion in the poultry house, but supposing it was visited by Mr. Lindstrom, paid no further attention. The lock on the coop had been broken and the chickens carried off presumably in sacks, as a number of the latter were left at the coop. Eight of the chickens had been killed on the spot and their heads were left lying on the ground.

Many Participate in New Era Meeting

A large number of Ashland people went to Medford Wednesday afternoon and evening to attend the New Era meeting of the Presbyterian church in session there. At 4 o'clock a women's conference was called in the First Presbyterian church of that city, presided over by Mrs. Wortman, president of the Medford Missionary society, and prominent speakers at the meeting were Mrs. C. B. Lamkin and Mrs. C. F. Koehler of Ashland. A dinner was served at 6 o'clock in the church parlors, followed by a mass meeting in the evening. The principal addresses given at the latter were by Rev. C. F. Koehler, pastor of the Presbyterian church, and Rev. Dorris of Hope Presbyterian church, Portland. The plan of the New Era movement before the Presbyterian church of the world was outlined at this meeting.

Effective March 1st there was a reduction from 5 to 3 in the number of railroad tickets required for occupancy of a drawing room for seat service on day rides, and a reduction of from 4 to 3 in the number of railroad tickets required for the occupancy of a compartment for service on day ride. The number of sleeping or parlor car tickets required remain unchanged.

Umatilla county carries \$1,050,000 highway bond issue. Langell valley will irrigate 16,000 acres from Clear Lake, California.

YREKA ELKS HOSTS OF S. O. BROTHERS

All Elks of Southern Oregon are invited to be guests of their Siskiyou county brethren Saturday, at which time they will be entertained at Yreka. A special train has been chartered to start from Medford at 1:30 on that date and will run directly to the capital of Siskiyou county, picking up the delegates from Ashland lodge on the way. Grants Pass will send a large delegation, who will join the special at Medford, Gold Hill and Roseburg will also be largely represented.

Entertainment of a diversified order is assured to while away the time enroute on the special train, and a big minstrel show is to be staged by the Medford Elks at Yreka Saturday night as a part of the celebration.

The special train will go directly to Yreka without the Elks having to change cars, and will return some time Sunday.

Big Tournament at Eugene Being Staged

All is in readiness for the biggest basketball tournament Eugene has ever seen—a tournament in which eight teams, champions of their respective districts in the state, are to compete for the honors of Oregon—which will be staged on Friday and Saturday of this week in the University men's gymnasium, says the Eugene Guard.

Extremely enthusiastic, all high schools with which Dean Walker, sponsor for the tournament, has corresponded, have responded stating that they believe it to be well worth consideration; Eugene business men have shown their willingness to co-operate by offering both their financial and moral support, and students of the University and the Eugene high school have been working together with a view to making it a success.

Prizes to the winning team and to each individual member, and to each member of the all-star team which is to be picked there, will be presented, the visitors will be entertained at the different fraternity houses, the Rex theatre has offered for them a free show, and Saturday evening they will attend the concert of the girls' glee club.

The merchants of Eugene have offered the individual prizes to the winners and the Chamber of Commerce is assisting in procuring automobiles for a trip about the city. The Ashland basketball team, the champions of Southern Oregon, have gone to Eugene to take part in the tournament.

Roads Program For Year Being Made

With a view to mapping out a comprehensive program for the construction of forest and post roads during the year the engineering department of the state highway commission is now assembling data concerning all such projects, and it is believed that it will be ready to announce its plans with relation to them at the April meeting of the commission.

The government co-operates with the state in the construction of all forest and post roads, and among the important projects is a link of the Dalles-California highway in Klamath county. A considerable section of this link runs thru a forest reserve and assurances have already been received that the forestry service will co-operate on a 50-50 basis. Part of it also runs thru an Indian reservation, and the commission hopes also to procure aid from the Indian department.

Klamath Falls has advised the commission that it stands ready to co-operate in the sum of \$50,000 in the construction of the highway, but just what source this money is coming from is unknown.

A fine rental contract for party who knows how and will run an orchard. See Billings agency soon.

Man Struck by Bullet from Officers Gun

Because he refused to stop his automobile at the command of Speed Cop McDonald, Harrison Riggs, a well known orchard foreman, is an inmate of the Medford Sanitarium with a dangerous bullet wound in his right shoulder, inflicted by McDonald last Monday night. The shooting occurred on the highway near the Three Oaks orchard, about three miles south of Medford.

According to the story told by McDonald after the shooting, a message had reached the police station in Medford from the Three Oaks orchard asking for an officer to be sent out to disperse some disorderly men who were in an auto in front of the orchard. McDonald went to the orchard in a taxicab with M. L. Dally as driver, and states that when they arrived there a car was just leaving. Halting the taxi McDonald jumped out and landed on the running board of the auto and demanded that the men stop the car.

Instead of stopping the car increased its speed, and, according to McDonald, the driver attempted to strike him with a bottle of whiskey. McDonald tried to wrest the bottle from the driver, who then threw the bottle away and reached down under the seat.

Thinking he was going to draw a gun, McDonald claims he dropped off the car and fired six shots at the rear tires, hoping to disable the machine and bring it to a stop. It is evident that one of the shots was aimed too high and took effect in the shoulder of Riggs, who was the driver of the auto.

Riggs after the shooting it is claimed, admitted that he had a quart bottle of whiskey when McDonald boarded the running board of his car. He explained that the disorderly language in front of the Three Oaks orchard was caused by one of his companions who refused to go away with him in the car. Riggs is a man who has always borne an excellent reputation. Unless complications set in he has a good chance to recover.

Ashland Corporal in Far-off Siberia

Corporal Ellis Potter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Potter of 327 Morton street, who is with Company M, 31st Infantry, American Expeditionary Forces in Siberia, writes interesting descriptions of that country, which, according to his statements, is not such a bad country as we have always been led to believe. According to Corporal Potter Siberia is a great country for hunters. In a letter written December 7, he tells of killing a wild hog and two deer the day before Thanksgiving. The country is pretty wild there, he says, and he expects to get a big bear if they stay there all winter.

Mr. Potter enclosed some Russian money in his letter which he said was one kopeck and five kopecks. It takes ten kopecks to make a penny, 100 kopecks to make a rouble, and that ten roubles equal a dollar. His salary in the army is 422 roubles a month, and that is more money than a Russian general gets.

The regiment in which Corporal Potter is a member is at the largest coal mines in the world, and is about 100 miles from a city. He states that they would not know there was any war if they did not read about it in the papers. The snow is about two feet deep and it has been as cold as 33 degrees below zero. His clothing is all fur-lined and they have much amusement playing hockey on the ice and ski jumping. Oscar Thornburg, the champion ski jumper of the world, is in his company.

Corporal Potter stated that he thought they would remain in Russia for a long time yet, according to present indications.

Darling's for Cameras and Supplies.

Hood River farmers urged to keep bees. Honey now \$5.00 per gallon.

Lacomb residents excited over the prospects of oil in vicinity.