## Klamath County's Location Figures in Tax Problems

Anybody know where Klamath County is? While most everybody has thought it's in Eastern Oregon, the State Tax Commission isn't sure.

Klamath County logging operators are anxiously awaiting the commission's final decision, because it involves thousands of dollars for these operators.

## Transfer of Pari-Mutuel Fund Opposed

The Oregon Fairs Association went on record Friday opposing any transfer of pari-mutuel reve-

nue to the state's general fund. Members of the association concluded their four-day convention in Salem with a banquet at the

Marion Hotel Friday evening. In a resolution against the transfer, delegates declared that they were "... unalterably op-posed ... to any measure proposing to tamper with the 20year-old financial system of support of county and agricultural shows receiving funds from racing revenues."

Other resolutions passed by convention delegates included the appointment of a five-man fact-finding committee to investigate the formula used to apportion racing revenue to fair associations.

Stressing the fact that no Oregon legislation covers the safe two parts, whether they are equal operation of amusement rides or not. and shows, the association voted to propose safety legislation to the Oregon legislature governing across the northwest corner of the inspection of amusement the county. That made Klamath rides. The association reaffirmed a bisected county, and the comits policy of supporting youth activities by voting to provide better facilities, greater cash tors should pay eight cents a premiums and more competent thousand. judges.

Following the president's report and business session, Vernon DeLong, LaGrande, was re-elected president of the organization. Howard Smith of Tillamook, was which would make all the county re-elected vice president and A. in Eastern Oregon, and in the A. Geer, Salem, was named to the board of directors for a three-year term. Other board tax commission experts found members did not come up for that nobody can agree where the election this year. Officers and summit, if any, is. Some experts board members will appoint a said the top of the mountains secretary later this week, DeLong flatten out down there, and that

### Former Salem Man Visiting

Rear Admiral Ralph E. Wilson, cent or four-cent country. USN, is currently visiting his sister, Mrs. F. E. Neer, 788 N. eight-cent tax, the logging opera-Church St., on his way to a new tors probably would go to court. assignment as Commander. The tax commission doesn't Cruiser Division, 5th Pacific want to see the case go into

For the past two years Ad- toss the whole tax out the winmiral Wilson has been Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff, the constitution, which says taxes Military Sea and Transportation should be equal. Service.

He was a former Statesman Elizabeth Fern carrier boy and was graduated from Salem High School in 1920 and Annapolis in 1924. In 1926 . he married Martha Powell, daughter of the Rev.

Charles Powell, former rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Admiral Wilson's present home Polk Resident is in Chevy Chase, Md.



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#### The decision, expected in a few days, will determine how big a tax these operators should pay

under the 1953 law creating a

fund to fight forest fires and

The law says the tax shall be eight cents a thousand feet on

timber west of the Cascades and

four cents in counties east of the mountains. There's that difference because it costs a lot more

to fight fires in Western Oregon.

now it gets complicated.

Klamath County.

ern Oregon.

Now, that's simple so far. But

The summit of the Cascades is

a clear-cut dividing line between

the eastern and western counties,

except when you drop down to

shall be eight cents in any county

"bisected" by the summit of the

The lawmakers, believing that

'bisected" means cutting in half,

believed the law put Klamath

County in .the four-cent class

They thought the summit of the

Cascades went through Crater

Lake National Park, leaving only

a few square miles in the north-

west part of the county in West-

However, the attorney general

The tax commission maps

showed that the summit cuts

mission issued a tentative ruling

that the Klamath logging opera-

Then the county's logging op-

erators protested mightily. They

came to a hearing here, producing maps to show that the summit

goes west of Klamath County,

After extensive research, the

there really isn't any summit.

So when the commission makes

its ruling, it probably will have

the summit is at the south end of

And it will have to decide

whether Klamath County is eight-

If the commission rules for the

court. It's afraid a judge might

dow on the theory that it violates

Dies. Longtime

Statesman News Service DALLAS - Mrs. Elizabeth Fern, resident of this community for 57 years, died Friday morning at the Dallas Hospital

Born April 19, 1874 in Kansas, Mrs. Fern was married to Hen-

ry Fern at Hillsboro, Ore., in 1897. He preceded her in death

She is survived by six sons, Fred Fern, Monmouth, William

Fern, Rickreall, Edward, John, Walter and Emil Fern, all of

Dallas; two daughters, Mrs. Est-

her Wiens and Mrs. Emma Bartel, both of Dallas; 20 grandchildren and three great grand-

Funeral services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. at the Bollman

Funeral Chapel with interment

Hunter's Body

Found Again

Near Astoria

Richard Roadman, 29, Portland,

killed Wednesday while hunting

elk with a companion, was found

Friday by searchers in the rugged Saddle Mountain area 40 miles

The body was being brought out through rain-soaked forests. It was

first located Wednesday after

Roadman's companion, Bobby Dean Johnson, 23, also of Portland, had reported he accidentally shot

Roadman. But when searchers went back to get the body Thursday they could not relocate where

it had been left bundled on a

Johnson told authorities a rifle he had handed Roadman barrelfirst accidentally discharged when

he slipped on a log, the bullet

striking Roadman in the abdomen.

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south of here.

stretcher.

He was not held.

at Salt Creek Cemetery.

at the age of 79.

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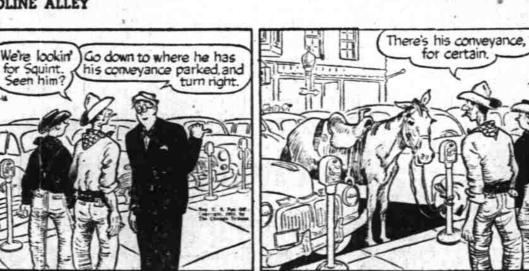






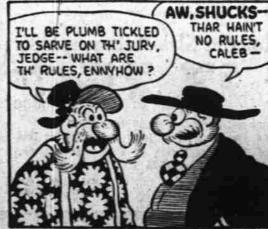
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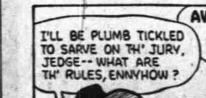


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