

PICKET CATTLE LINE

CAMAS PRAIRIE CATTLE ASSOCIATION HAS MEETING

Ordered That No Bulls Be Allowed on Range Before June 15—Sheepmen to Be Driven Out—Range Already Crowded With Stock of Taxpayers.

Alba, Ore., April 20.—Weather is cool, freezing nearly every night, causing grass to grow very slow.

Plowing has just commenced although the ground is very wet yet.

J. R. Despain was in the valley yesterday, he was taking a trip over his telephone system, repairing it between here and Pendleton. Mr. Despain looks the picture of health.

The golden hen is a native of Camas Prairie. Mrs. Carrie Connel killed a hen a few days ago and in its craw found a gold nugget worth 30 cents and in another one found a small piece about the size of the head of a pin. There is a record of other hens here doing as well.

Arch Ellis, who is working for C. Cunningham, has moved his family to Alba to attend school.

The Cattle Association met at Ukiah Saturday and was largely attended. Great enthusiasm prevailed.

It was ordered that no bulls be allowed on the range until the 15th of June. Pickets will closely guard the cattle line and see that sheep intruders shall not invade the rights of permanent settlers, who have just withstood the cold blasts of winter and are struggling on the border of civilization, trying to make an honest living. The range is already overstocked with cattle and horses belonging to taxpayers living in this neighborhood, who are holding a little rough range adjoining their homes and live here the year round and are the pioneers of this coast who are building up the great Northwest, while the big stockmen live in towns in winter and crowds the settlers here in summer and are breaking up school districts by their large land holdings and tearing down instead of building up the commonwealth of the Inland Empire, as it is the actual settler that builds up a country.

The Cattle Association will again meet at Ukiah on the 16th day of May. All members in good standing are requested to be present.

ARBITRATION EFFECTIVE.

Appleton Papermakers Declare Truce and Return to Work.

Appleton, Wis., April 21.—As the result of an unexpected development at the meeting of the Neenah and Appleton Brotherhoods of Papermakers Sunday, the paper mill strike is called off. A truce has been declared for one week and the men returned to work in eight of the Kimberly & Clark Company mills Monday morning.

A joint committee from the Appleton and Neenah Brotherhoods of Papermakers met the Kimberly & Clark company at Neenah Monday afternoon. The state board of arbitration also met a party to the negotiations, and there seems a strong prospect that an understanding can be reached whereby the strike will be declared permanently off.

The Kimberly & Clark company has agreed to pay the employes full time for the last week. The settlement of the strike was effected through the efforts of R. P. Edwards, of Oshkosh, a member of the state board of arbitration.

SHOT THE GIRL'S STEPFATHER.

Albert Coolman Then Escaped From Home of Sweetheart.

Columbia City, Ind., April 21.—Albert Coolman, aged 20, Sunday night instantly killed Frank Stamsmith at the latter's home, eight miles from here. He had been calling on Miss Heartschader, a stepdaughter of Stamsmith, against the latter's wish, and when he called to take the girl to a party Sunday, Stamsmith refused to allow her to leave. After a few words Coolman drew a revolver and shot twice. He escaped and is being searched for by a hundred men.

Women Writers Meet.

Topeka, Kan., April 21.—The parlors of the Copeland hotel were well filled this morning at the opening of the thirteenth annual meeting of the Kansas Woman's Press Association. Mrs. W. A. Morgan, president, called the gathering to order, and following an invocation, a quantity of routine business was disposed of by the members. Mrs. R. E. Rice presented a paper on "Woman's Newspaper Work in the Sixties," and after luncheon a number of other interesting papers were read and discussed.

KILLED CHURCH AND HIS WIFE.

Confession of Clifton Clears Up a Mystery of Wyoming.

New Castle, Wyo., April 21.—The mystery surrounding the disappearance several weeks ago of J. W. Church and his wife, formerly of Omaha, Neb., but more recently engaged in ranching here, has been cleared up by the confession of "Slim" Clifton, who has been under arrest on suspicion of having murdered the couple. Clifton admits having killed them and has told the authorities where the bodies were buried by him. When confronted with evidence recently unearthed by Lew Jenney, of Gillette, Clifton broke down and confessed his crime. Clifton is a rancher and lived near the Churches.

Clifton said that after murdering the Churches and hiding their bodies in a granary on the Church ranch temporarily he hauled them two miles away and buried them. Before doing so he stripped the bodies of jewelry. He then drew up bills of sale in Church's name and disposed of the stock and some of the household goods, all the while making his abode on the Church ranch. Clifton claims that he killed the couple in self-defense, shooting the woman first. It had been reported that the Churches and Clifton had had troubles over advances to Mrs. Church by Clifton. Feeling is high in the neighborhood of the crime, which is southwest of Gillette about 20 miles, and it is feared that an attempt will be made to lynch Clifton.

TEXTILE STRIKE HOLDS ON.

But Test of Strength May be Made at Lowell Next Week.

Lowell, Mass., April 21.—The fourth week of the strike of textile operatives began yesterday, with peace apparently as far off as ever. No attempt will be made to reopen the mills during the week, but it is possible that next week the agents of the organized crafts by an announcement that their gates will be open to all who care to return.

Since the investigation of the situation under state direction there has been a feeling that the factories would remain closed until after the arbitration board had made its report, and the statement of one of the mill agents tonight confirms that idea.

Frazer Opera House

BAKER & WELCH, Managers. MARK MOOREHOUSE, Local Manager

Friday Night, April 24

Wallace Munro Presents

Mrs. BRUNNE

In the Fascinating Four Act Love Story

"UNORNA"

Written especially for her by F. MARION CRAWFORD and Espy Williams

Magnificent Mountings

Notable Cast include Erroll Dunbar, Frank Henivic, Claus Bogel, Jun us Brutus Booth, R. V. Percy, Otis Sherdon, Chas. Weston, Nanoy Paget, Hilda Vences, Ida Wernon, and others.

PRICES: \$1.50, \$1, 75c, 50c, 25c

Seat Sale Tuesday

The Chance of a Lifetime to Invest in Stocks in the COLUMBIA RIVER DEVELOPMENT CO.

At 10 per cent of par value. Shares may be had for 10 cents

Natural Gas Discovered on Columbia River, near Alder Creek, Washington, and Castle Rock, Oregon.

The Columbia River Development Company, Incorporated under the Laws of the State of Oregon. Capital Stock \$1,500,000. 1,500,000 Shares, One Dollar each. Absolutely non-assessable. No individual liability. Home office, ARLINGTON, OREGON.

Management

The management of the affairs of the company will at all times be conservative and progressive. Every dollar realized from the sale of stock will be accounted for. Only the legitimate expenses of operating the company will be paid. The officers and directors of the company do not draw any salary at present.

Shares Absolutely Non-Assessable

Are your shares non-assessable? Yes, made so by the By-Laws of the company, which forbid the board of directors from incurring one dollar of indebtedness. There are no bonds, no preferred stock, no debts.

Our Field, Its Location and Indications

Right here on the banks of the Columbia River in Eastern Washington and Oregon, where thousand of acres of sagebrush and bunch grass lands are awaiting human energy for development, a discovery of gas has been made less than a year ago. In a dozen places in the vicinity of Alder Creek, Washington, and Castle Rock, Oregon, illuminating gas has been escaping for years through the surface soil. The gas can be burned for hours. Only recently some of the gas coming through the surface soil has been confined in large tanks and conveyed by pipe lines to several cabins, where it is being used for fuel as well as light. Surely no other oil field has displayed such excellent indications. Oil experts have thoroughly examined the ground and pronounced the prospect very good. We intend to drill 2000 feet if necessary but from all indications about 1000 feet will be sufficient depth. All money obtained will be used for developing purposes, purchasing of additional machinery and other necessary expenses. No expensive salaries and officials are attached to this organization. It is strictly a home company organized by home capital. A limited amount of stock has been placed on the market at ten (10) cents per share.

If this property develops into a gusher or even into a moderate producer it will mean not only a big profit to investors at present prices of stock, but it will mean much to this section. It will bring money into Umatilla County.

Arid lands, which at the present time produce very scant crops, could be irrigated and thereby increase their product tenfold by having water pumped from the Columbia river with the help of gas and oil for fuel. Think of the vast benefits to this region. The test of oil as a steam-producing fuel was made years ago; it is nothing new; its value has been well established, and the only thing needed to bring it into universal use was the discovery of an inexhaustible supply. Oil fires a boiler three and one-half times quicker than coal; has a greater efficiency and cleanliness; requires less room and is far cheaper. Railroads, steamships and manufacturers, commerce of every description finds greater saving possible by the use of fuel oil.

Active Operations

One of the largest, modern standard drilling rigs has been put into operation near the Washington side of the Columbia river.

Our Drillers

Our drillers are old experienced men at the business, and if there is any possible way of getting results, we are positive that they will accomplish such. It is the universal opinion that the surface indications compare favorably with any of the gas and oil fields in the United States. Several experts who have investigated the discovery make this report.

General Manager on the Field

Ross Beardsley, our efficient Vice-President, and one of the first discoverers of the gas, is in charge of the company's interests on the drilling ground. A more enthusiastic and earnest worker, tully alive to the interests of all the stockholders, could not be found anywhere.

Fortunes in Oil

The wealth made and to be made in the production and marketing of oil is likewise so apparent that it is almost needless to recite the figures and comparison. No other proposition has ever supplied such riches as have oil wells for the amount of time and money invested in them. Oil is so easily handled after a well is secured and so short a time is needed before results can be obtained, that it is the quickest dividend bearer. The Standard Oil

Company in 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901 and the first part of 1902, have paid \$202,000,000 in dividends.

Profits in Oil Stocks

The following list will give a fair idea of some recent independent profits in oil stocks:

	Original Price	Present Price
New York Oil	\$0.50	\$ 200.00
Union	1.00	1,500.00
Kern River	1.00	26.00
Kern River Oil Co.	1.00	37.00
San Joaquin	.50	16.00
Peerless	.20	8.62
Thirty-Three Oil Co.	.35	13.50
Hanford	2.00	118.00

What \$100 Would Have Done in the Foregoing Stock

\$100 invested in N. Y. O. made	\$ 3,900.00
\$100 invested in Union	142,000.00
\$100 invested in Kern River	2,500.00
\$100 invested in Kern Oil Co.	3,500.00
\$100 invested in San Joaquin	1,500.00
\$100 invested in Peerless	4,210.00
\$100 invested in Thirty-Three	3,833.33
\$100 invested in Hanford	3,794.00

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