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THE KLAMATH PURCHASE PLAN

The Klamath and the Lake county courts, it will be remembered, set out seven grounds for their protest against the proposed exchange by The Shevlin-Hixon Company of land and timber for national forest land. One, in particular, asserted that the arrangement contemplated a tax-dodging device on the part of the company. The charge, made in ignorance, was speedily shown to be unfounded but, so far as we have been able to discover, has never been retracted by either court. Had the charge been true the company would have been open to severe criticism for participating in an unworthy act. Since it was not the company is entitled to clearance by the two courts and the longer they delay in withdrawing their charge the more prejudiced their position will become.

Five of the grounds of protest, as well, have been shown to be without validity. The single remaining one, relating to the lack of any 25 per cent return to the counties out of the transaction, is more particularly a protest against the general law under which the exchange has been arranged rather than one against this specific undertaking. We say this on the strength of statements in the Epley column in the Klamath Herald and News which have been quoted on this page.

In spite of this fact the Klamath court has recently been reported as endeavoring to create or bring about a situation under which the government will receive cash for its timber and the counties, then, the 25 per cent division. The method under consideration is for the county to purchase the Shevlin-Hixon timber included in the exchange transaction and for the forest service to sell its timber.

The details of the plan have not been announced and, indeed, they are probably still only tentative but the bounds within which it will operate are obvious and therefore not difficult of analysis. Analysis develops strange contradictions in the Klamath attitude.

Possibly the most striking fact in the Klamath plan is that if the contemplated purchase is made the Shevlin-Hixon lands will go off the tax roll just as surely as they would go off if the exchange goes through. And, it will be remembered, point one in the Klamath-Lake protest was that the exchange would put the title to the lands in "a tax-free agency."

And there is still more in this phase of the question. Let Klamath buy the company timber and the county has immediately involved itself in the expense of caring for it, managing it as a county forest, paying for fire protection and so on. And it would be years before there was a crop to pay a return.

Perhaps it should be recalled at this point that two exchange transactions are involved in this controversy. On one the cutting is about finished. It has not begun on the other. So far as we are informed there has been a formal protest only against the former but the latter is expected to stand or fall with it. Neither from the news stories nor by inquiry of the state forester have we been able to discover whether the purchase would be of the company lands in the first or second exchange or both. A state forest representative says that the purchase contemplated would require almost \$170,000 but the acreage on which his figures are based does not fit either one. Let us, however, take that total of \$170,000 and do a little further analysis.

It is to be assumed that the proceeds of the government timber sale would equal this \$170,000 and of this sum 25 per cent return to the counties would be \$42,500. This would not go all to Klamath county, however, but would be divided among the counties in which was situated the national forest from which the timber came. If it came from the Deschutes the Klamath share of \$42,500 would be 23 per cent. If from the Fremont the share would be 31.4 per cent. Let us take the larger figure and in doing so we discover that the Klamath return would be \$13,450. In other words, Klamath considers spending \$170,000 to get an immediate return of \$13,450.

There would be further returns, of course, as the purchased timber was harvested but good forestry on a sustained yield program would mean no more harvest for some years. On the other hand, if the exchange went through, the national forest acreage in the county would be increased and, by the same token, the county's percentage share in such sales as were made. The future promises many sales.

The present exchange proposals are desirable as offering a means of blocking up the national forest acreage, giving a larger area the benefits of sustained yield cutting and national forest protection and providing logs for the war effort. The Klamath proposal, if effective, would equally remove the lands from the tax roll and give the county lands in a shot-gun pattern of ownership difficult to manage and offering only meagre returns.

We have said here before, and we now repeat, that we believe that the counties should have a return out of these exchange transactions. The simplest arrangement would be

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for a payment of 75 per cent in exchanged land and timber and 25 per cent in cash that would go to the counties. Another method would give the counties an annual payment in lieu of taxes not based on forest receipts but on a regular acreage basis. Klamath, we believe, would be making a contribution to the solution of the problem if it would work as hard to get the law changed as it is working to recover that 25 per cent in the manner proposed. It would be contributing to the war effort, too.

Portland, are in San Francisco visiting with Gilbert Farsvedt who is stationed at Mare Island. Mrs. Idona Fix and daughters of Bend were Sunday visitors at the Kriger home. Mrs. Sine Mikkelsen and Alfred were Sunday visitors at the Carl Hansen home of Tumalo. Mrs. Sine Mikkelsen attended a party held at the Frank Jones home in Redmond on Saturday afternoon.

Bend's Yesterdays

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO (Feb. 2, 1920)

The groundhog appears, sees his shadow, and crawls back into his hole for another six weeks of winter.

O. M. Whittington, manager of the Grand theater, reports seats are being re-arranged in the show-house to accommodate more patrons.

Classes begin at the new Carroll Acres school, with Mrs. Perry Scoggins as instructor.

Looking back over January, the weatherman reports that it was the warmest January in seven years.

Crawfish are blamed for undermining the earth wing dam at the Bend, Water, Light and Power company, which causes it to wash away.

Trappers, during January, bring 227 pelts of predatory animals to the courthouse, and collect a total of \$740 in bounties.

Arrangements are completed for the Bend fire department to hold its first annual minstrel show tomorrow night at the Liberty theater.

F. W. Weber of Lapine, spends the week end in Bend. L. O. Taylor, superintendent of The Shevlin-Hixon Company box factory, goes to Spokane on business.

Tumalo

Tumalo, Feb. 2 (Special) - A community dance to raise funds for the fight against infantile paralysis is being held at the Tumalo grange hall Saturday evening, Feb. 3. Tom Fair is furnishing music and special entertaining numbers are being arranged for. Tumalo grange is sponsoring the affair.

Joe Henry Jr., visited relatives in Portland last week following his trip there for his physical. Others in the community making the trip for their physicals were Lee Allen and Ray John Cowan.

Neil Davis has returned from Seattle, Wash., where he went last week to enter the naval air corps. He is home awaiting call. Carl Baker, Fred Shepard and Lee Allen attended an all-day Triple A meeting in Redmond Saturday.

Mrs. Clarence Bailey, who is making her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Lindsey while her husband is serving in the army, accompanied by her small son, has been in California the past few weeks visiting her husband.

Tumalo grade school bus driven by Mrs. Vida Andrew broke down Tuesday morning north of Tumalo and, until repairs can be made, the children are being transported with the one bus and private cars.

J. Alton Thompson visited Tumalo school Friday and the first of this week during which time he gave the children examinations in their subject matter.

Clarence Spring is in California this winter working in a defense plant. His wife and two children

did not accompany him. House guests at the J. A. Blackstone home last week were his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blackstone, of Caribou, Maine. It has been 17 years since the brothers have met.

Mary Ellen Putnam was one of a group of Redmond union high school girls making the trip to Burns last Friday to attend the basketball game between Redmond and Burns.

Roy Blackstone was absent from school several days last week because of illness.

A number of Tumalo folks attended the basketball game between Redmond and Bend in Bend Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Darric Johns have returned from a wedding trip to Portland and are at present visiting at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe C. Henry.

Madras Reports Blood Donations

Madras, Feb. 2 (Special) - A group of 16 blood donors signed up to go to Portland last Saturday to the blood bank. Those going from here were: Mrs. George Dee, Miss Waine Darrar, Ben Evick, Everett Van Wert, Emil Henske, Ivan Olsen, Albert Zemke, Floyd Evick, W. C. Osborn, Joe Meets and William Grant. From Warm Springs: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Peal, Pauline Beterton, Mary J. Bautch and Lawrence Jones.

Jersey Thomas, Oscar Julseth and Roy Peal were members of the American Legion committee who sponsored the trip.

Pleasant Ridge

Pleasant Ridge, Feb. 2 (Special) - Sid Conklin and family attended the wedding of Miss Maureen Conklin of Bend and Donald Ratliff of Portland, on Sunday at the Episcopal church in Bend. Mrs. Ratliff is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Conklin of Bend and a niece of Sid Conklin.

Mrs. C. C. Gillenwater and Mrs. Shorty Wilcox were callers at the Conklin home on Tuesday of last week.

Mrs. G. A. Kriger is caring for her grandson while his mother, Mrs. Betty Farsvedt and her mother-in-law, Mrs. Farsvedt of

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Prison Penalty Threat Is Made

Washington, Feb. 2 (AP) - The government will invoke prison penalties of the Smith-Connally anti-strike law against President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers and union members if any work stoppage occurs in the 9 federally-operated bituminous mines during negotiation of a new coal wage contract, it was learned today.

Solid Fuels Administrator Harold L. Ickes intends to retain operation of these high productive pits in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Kentucky until a new contract is signed. Ickes, it was said, may relinquish them if Lewis assures him there will be no strikes whether or not an agreement is reached by March 31, the expiration of the present contract.

Ickes has made one attempt to obtain a no-strike pledge from Lewis by asking the UMW president to consider the present contract extended until a new one is made. Lewis, however, replied that this was a decision for the joint wage conference of operators and union beginning here March 1.

Ickes is expected to make further overtures to Lewis prior to the Feb. 26 meeting of the UMW wage policy committee here because he feels the country cannot stand even a brief interruption of coal production in view of the present shortage.

Others Say ...

A NEW LOW IN POLITICS (Hood River News)

The firing of Jesse Jones to make room for the hiring of Henry Wallace, is just another of those things which cause Americans, outside of the inner circle of politics, to wonder why political debts must be paid even in wartime, at the expense of the nation and the great mass of the people.

Most of us know that Jesse Jones has been doing a swell job during a very trying period, and that he has been keeping a watchful eye on the use of American money through the various wartime channels. It has, on occasion, been declared that Jesse Jones has been evincing too much concern over disbursements which

U. S. Casualties Reach 737,342

Washington, Feb. 2 (AP) - Total U. S. combat casualties as officially recorded by the war and navy departments here reached 737,342 today. This figure was higher than the last overall compilation on Jan. 25.

The new total included 650,420 army casualties and 86,922 navy casualties since Dec. 7, 1941. Acting Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson said the army total included names received by the war department through Jan. 21. It actually represented losses suffered up to near the end of December, however.

The army figure thus would include the bulk of army losses suffered during the period of heaviest fighting in the Ardennes following the German breakthrough assault which started Dec. 16.

Of total army casualties, 121,676 were listed as dead, 379,638 wounded, 91,573 missing, and 57,533 prisoners of war. Of the wounded, 186,026 have returned to duty, Patterson said.

The navy total included 32,889 dead, 39,807 wounded, 9,750 missing and 4,476 prisoners of war.

LIKED THE NAME? Boston (AP) - Petitioning the Massachusetts Legislature to nullify the corporation charters of 14 medical schools which no longer exist, doctors explained that one student tried to enroll in the Berkshire Medical college 75 years after, it closed its doors.

TELLS THE STORY Portland, Me. (AP) - Add appropriate names: Dyer & Dyer, Inc., is the firm name of a Portland cleansing concern.

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Dr. Eden Quainton Chairman of the Northwest Commission to study the organization of Peace will discuss
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50%
Bend's Industrial Fund reached the 50% mark last night meaning that there is \$5,000 yet to be raised. The campaign will officially close on February 12.
To assure your equal participation in the development of postwar Bend... to make possible the study and planning so essential at this time, mail your contribution in now... you may be sure that it will be used to...
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By MERRILL BLOSSER
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SHADY CHADYSIDE
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