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WILLIAMS SAYS HE WILL GIVE WATER

IRRIGATION MAN MAKES A COMPLETE STATEMENT

READY FOR BUSINESS NOW

Tells of Negotiations with Minority Stockholders in Chicago and of Offers He Made

P. A. Williams, president of the Rogue River Valley Power and Irrigation company, arrived in Grants Pass Wednesday. When interviewed by a representative of The Courier as to the status of the irrigation question, he had the following to say:

"I am to meet with the directors of the Josephine County Irrigation and Power company this afternoon and the matter will depend largely upon the action they take. I have made arrangements to finance the project, provided I have the unanimous backing of the people of the valley.

"Porter, Fishback and Company have agreed to finance the proposition on two conditions. These are that we can show a clear abstract to the land and a right to the water. One of the greatest engineers in the country, Edmond T. Perkins, formerly one of the chiefs of the reclamation service, has been engaged to make these investigations. Mr. Perkins is in Chicago awaiting a telegraphic request to come to Grants Pass. He is confident that the engineering data the company has secured will be approved by him.

"Our negotiations with the minority stockholders simmered down to this: We offered the minority stockholders \$25,000 toward repairing the dam of the Golden Drift, providing the stockholders raised whatever sum above that necessary for this purpose. The second proposition was that the interests of both sides should be placed in the hands of holding companies and that engineers and attorneys be named by both interests to make final valuations and arrange other details. Another proposition was that the bondholders should be included in whatever arrangements were made so that there would be no hitch in the proceedings on their account. These offers were not considered by the bondholders of all.

"We are willing to do everything in our power to secure irrigation for next season, provided that we have the co-operation of all interests."

The Josephine Irrigation and Power company held an adjourned meeting on Wednesday afternoon at the First National bank and discussed the matter of irrigation in all its phases and especially the present conditions. P. A. Williams, the manager of the Rogue River Irrigation and Power company, who has a contract with the company to go on and complete the irrigation system, was in town and asked to be heard. He was invited to attend the meeting and being called upon gave a detailed statement as to his visit to Chicago in the interest of his company. He reported that his chances were encouraging of securing the necessary funds to go on with the work. His statement was along the same line given in his interview in yesterday's Courier and in addition asked that he be given further time to complete his negotiations by furnishing the necessary data to the banking house in Chicago. He went on to say that if the examination was made by the expert, which the investors proposed to send here, he feels satisfied that the capital will be forthcoming. He also felt sure that they would find conditions as has been reported to them. He asked the moral support of the company and also that of the community. After a careful investigation on the part of the directors it was decided that Mr. Williams be given the additional time asked for and a

SCHOOL DIRECTORS IN FAVOR HIGHER SALARIES

"What shall we do to keep our teachers from becoming married as soon as we have them hired or in the middle of their terms?" was one of the burning questions discussed at the recent meeting of the school directors which began its work last Saturday. So great have the ravages made by Cupid among the teachers of Josephine county become that it has become a problem of how to keep a teacher a full term, in many instances.

The director from school district 41 stated that in his district the year before last they had lost two teachers by marriage and that last year they had secured a teacher for whom, apparently, the charms of matrimony had no appeal and she was re-engaged at a higher salary by the happy directors. But before school opened this fall she resigned to take up the work of a wife. In desperation the directors engaged a married woman as teacher.

It was the consensus of opinion that something had to be done to remedy the situation and the method most frequently urged was the raising of salaries of the teachers. However, it was the opinion of some of the directors, who had suffered most by the desertions of pretty school teachers, that the mere matter of adding a few paltry dollars to the salaries of teachers would avail little in checking the depredations of the mischievous god who laughs at bolts and bars.

The convention went on record as favoring higher wages all along the line as a step toward increasing the efficiency of the teachers and making them more permanent. The scarcity of men teachers, it was agreed, was due to inadequate salaries.

The directors unanimously agreed that they would ask the legislature to increase the salary of the county superintendent and drafted petitions to that effect, all of the directors signing them.

Many matters of interest were discussed by the convention. Edward S. VanDyke urged a purchasing board so that there might be uniformity in the buying of school supplies. Superintendent Savage talked upon the subject of school sanitation and advocated the installation of window screens to provide for better ventilation and individual drinking cups. The superintendent also discussed the compulsory education features of the law and explained the duties of directors, teachers and truant officers. The matter of bonds by school clerks was also taken up.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Alderman discussed the matter of school consolidation, as did County Superintendent Savage. It was agreed that there were few places in Josephine county where this was practicable, but that where it was, as in the Williams creek districts, it had many advantages.

The following officers were elected: President, F. M. Horn, district 41; secretary, Lincoln Savage, county superintendent.

Following were the school officers in attendance, 21 out of 48 districts being represented: One, R. C. Churchill, Selma; six, C. M. Roark, Dryden; seven, S. VanDyke, Grants Pass; eight, Alex. Watts, Provolt; ten, A. F. Knox, Murphy; fifteen, E. G. Patton, Placer; sixteen, C. A. Coughle, Williams; nineteen, W. W. Canby, Grants Pass; twenty, S. E. Jess, Grants Pass; twenty-two, Sarah Hammond, Hugo; twenty-four, B. F. Seaton, Merlin; twenty-six, H. B. Olsen, Grants Pass; twenty-seven, William Lichtenberger, Wolf Creek; twenty-eight, George A. Hamilton, Grants Pass; twenty-nine, E. A. Rathbone, Grants Pass; thirty-two, J. S. Dobbins, Grants Pass; thirty-four, G. Kars, Leland; thirty-eight, W. Miller, Golden; forty-one, F. M. Horn, Holland; forty-three, A. T. Shoemaker, Selma; forty-five, J. P. Dunbar, Grave; forty-seven, J. G. Hill, Merlin.

Resolution of confidence was passed, with instructions to the president and secretary to put the matter in official form and present the same to Mr. Williams. The meeting from first to last was highly satisfactory to all present and there was every evidence that this part of the Rogue river valley would be placed under irrigation in the near future.

CRIPPEN MAKES UNUSUAL DEFENSE

NOTED DENTIST ASTONISHES THE COURT

SAYS WIFE WAS WEAK

Chicago Man Is Mentioned as Friend to Whom Wife Fled and Whom She Said Could Support

By United Press Leased Wire.

LONDON, Oct. 20.—Dr. H. H. Crippen took the witness stand in his own defense this afternoon to answer to a charge of having murdered his wife, Belle Elmore-Crippen, for the love of his typist, Miss Ethel Claire LeNeve.

Crippen indicated that he would seek to prove that his wife is not dead, but that she fled to America to join Bruce Miller, a Chicago friend.

"I knew my wife was friendly with Miller and often upbraided her for not corresponding with him. In 1904, Cora, which is Mrs. Crippen's right name, admitted her fondness for Miller and I ceased cohabiting with her and from that time our relations were strained.

"Repeatedly she threatened to leave me, saying that she would go to America to join Miller. The last time I saw her was January 31 of this year, and I believe she fled to America.

"In an effort to avoid a scandal I concocted a story that she had gone to America to attend to private business for me in California and that while en route she had died and was incinerated in America. I simply could not face my friends and admit my wife had deserted me.

"Monday night before she left I wrote a letter in her name to the Music Hall Ladies' guild, resigning from her position as treasurer. Mrs. Martinetti came out to dinner and my wife abused me for not paying them more attention, saying: "This is the finish; I will stand it no longer; I shall leave tomorrow and you will not hear from me again."

"Before this she told me the man she would go to would be better able to support her.

"I went to the office next morning and returning home between five and six o'clock, found she had gone. I wrote to the guild that she had gone. I also told my friends the same thing. Afterward I told them she was dead. I don't remember saying where she died."

LONDON, Oct. 20.—The defense of Dr. Hawley H. Crippen, charged with the murder of his actress-wife, Belle Elmore-Crippen, began today in Old Bailey court. Almost the first point adduced by Barrister Tobin, Crippen's counsel, was intended to show that Crippen and Ethel Claire LeNeve voluntarily gave themselves in to the hands of the authorities at Quebec. Tobin declared that Crippen refused all efforts to be smuggled ashore with the cargo, which the quartermaster of the vessel proposed.

Crippen was aware he was being watched, Tobin said, and was advised of the contents of every wireless message that came to or emanated from the ship.

BLACK IN LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 20.—General John C. Black, chairman of the civil service commission and former chief of the pension bureau, is in Los Angeles today on his first official trip here.

RACE POSTPONED

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—The proposed race between Jack Johnson and Barney O'Field, which was to have been run today, was postponed on account of rain.

WELLMAN IS RESCUED FROM HIS BIG AIRSHIP

By United Press Leased Wire.

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—The dirigible balloon America, headed for Europe, was abandoned in the Atlantic due east of Cape Hatteras, half way to Bermuda late this afternoon. Walter Wellman and his companions aboard the airship were rescued by the royal mail steamer "Trent."

News of the rescue came by wireless by Captain Downs of the Trent in a message which read:

"A five o'clock this morning we sighted Wellman's airship America in distress. They signalled by the Morse code that help was required. After three hours of maneuvering with fresh winds, we picked up Wellman and the entire crew and the cat. All are now safe aboard the Trent and well. The America was abandoned in latitude 35.43 north; longitude 68.18 west."

The cat referred to was the America's mascot, placed aboard by Mrs. Vanman, wife of the chief engineer of the airship.

Captain Downs gave no other particulars.

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING HELD AT PROVOLT

The little hamlet of Provolt, at the mouth of Williams creek, was the scene of a very enthusiastic gathering last Sunday. Nine automobiles and several livery rigs from Grants Pass went out loaded with business men and their wives and were met at the church by nearly all the residents in the vicinity of Provolt. After several spirited songs an address was delivered by Mrs. M. C. Findley, of Grants Pass, who presented the mother's view of the temperance question. The way she handled her subject showed that she was thoroughly familiar with the question and she presented it in a very logical and convincing manner.

The principal address of the day was delivered by the Reverend Mr. Brooke, of Grants Pass, and a more masterly and forceful address has not been heard in this part of the country. He treated his subject from every view point, laying special stress upon the economic and moral features of the temperance question. His talk was received with great interest and many commendations were heard at its close.

Mr. Lovelace, candidate for sheriff, and E. E. Blanchard were seen in the crowd and were called upon for a few remarks. Both of them spoke briefly on the subject of good citizenship and expressed themselves in hearty sympathy with the movement.

Altogether the meeting was one of the most enthusiastic held in Josephine county in connection with the campaign for better things.

STORY WRITER LIKES THE PASS

Dennis H. Stovall, the Grants Pass author, has been very busy the past year, during which time he has written 40 short stories, besides a number of illustrated articles which have appeared in Gunter's Magazine, the Housekeeper, Mother's Magazine, Recreation and the American Weekly. His story, "The Secret of the Mami Kambum" in the August short story contest of the American Weekly won first prize. A novelette, "Plotters of the Royal Four," by Mr. Stovall, appeared in the Top Notch Magazine of New York, October 15.

He has also just completed a longer novel for this magazine, besides a number of short stories with southern Oregon settings, and principally romances and adventures of the miles. Though he has no business interests in Grants Pass, Mr. Stovall prefers to make his home here for the simple reason that it is a fine place to live and a man in his position can get more genuine inspiration to the square yard in Josephine county, with its evergreen mountains and splendid scenery, than any other spot on earth.

ROGUE RIVER IS RICH IN POWER

GOVERNMENT ENGINEER MAKES BOOSTER REPORT

DOUBLE THAT OF NIAGARA

Engineer Travels Thirteen Hundred Miles Over Two States and Tells of Possibilities

There is more water power going to waste in the Rogue river—power that can be economically developed—than there is in Niagara falls by more than two times," said W. E. Herring, district engineer of the forest service, with offices at Portland, Mr. Herring has just completed a trip of 1400 miles on foot and horseback through the mountains of Oregon, mostly in the southern portion of the state. Similar trips made during the past two seasons in various parts of the two states of Oregon and Washington qualify Mr. Herring as the greatest expert on the water power situation in the two states that there is in the country.

Continuing, Mr. Herring said: "When I speak of power, I mean the power that can be developed economically, in a commercial sense. I do not mean the theoretical power that can be figured regardless of expenditure. There are at least 400,000 horsepower that can be developed economically in the Rogue between its mouth and Prospect.

"The power developed from the falls at Niagara is 190,000 horsepower, so you can see what a great resource is lying at your doors practically untouched. Besides that are numerous small units of three or four thousand horse-power that can be developed in many places. I do not take these into consideration in estimating the power possibilities of the Rogue."

Mr. Herring spent more than a month in the Siskiyou forest and found that there are 4000 horsepower that can be developed in the Illinois river at the falls in one proposition alone.

The figures that Mr. Herring gives are estimates and are estimated under rather than over the actual possibilities.

Mr. Herring comes to Grants Pass several times a year on official business for the forest service and noticed the progress being made in the city and surrounding country. He was especially struck with the spirit of enterprise that installed a system of cluster lights in a city the size of Grants Pass.

Doctor Sweeney, a recent arrival from Montana, is so well pleased with Grants Pass that he will locate here and probably open an office for the practice of medicine in the near future. The doctor was a visitor to this city last year and at that time he looked over the city and made a special inspection of the Grants Pass schools and the methods of teaching and finding that the Grants Pass schools were among the best and most up-to-date institutions of learning in the state, he has returned here with his wife and two daughters to reside permanently. Dr. Sweeney was head physician of the Modern Woodmen of America in Montana for 10 years.

O'CONNOR VISITS

VICTORIA, B. C., Oct. 20.—T. P. O'Connor, M. P., journalist, author and parliamentarian, arrived here late yesterday from Vancouver.

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—The Giants-Highlanders game scheduled for today, was postponed on account of rain.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 20.—Freight houses of the Chicago & Alton railroad and of the Baltimore & Ohio were destroyed by fire today.

POULTRYMEN PLANNING FOR AN ORGANIZATION

One of the results of the fair is the revival of the movement to organize a society of poultry fanciers.

The showing at the fair of standard-bred fowls was such as to give an impetus to the poultry business in the country. It demonstrated that the county of Josephine has some of the best poultry stock in the country and that the county is especially adapted to the production of poultry products.

Among some of the chicken enthusiasts of the city and county are John Summers, R. R. Cheshire, R. L. Newman, C. R. Brechtbill, E. S. Veatch, A. H. Blasing, Cramer brothers, W. I. Goodman, Mrs. G. A. Ruth.

WOMAN IS ARRESTED FOR LOS ANGELES CRIME

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 19.—Following the arrest of Mrs. Belle Lavin, living at Twenty-second and Mission streets, on a charge of being a fugitive from justice, but in reality in connection with the dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times building, the authorities today refuse to say whether other arrests will follow immediately.

Mrs. Lavin's arrest took place last night after Chief Seymour had lost all patience at her apparently contradictory statements regarding the actions of "Smithy," the alleged dynamiter, who lived at the Twenty-second and Mission streets house. Mrs. Lavin protested her innocence vigorously before being placed aboard the train for Los Angeles, where her testimony will be taken before the coroner.

C. B. Briscoe, who has spent the summer visiting his daughter, Mrs. Russell, at Des Moines, Wash., has returned to his home here. He says he is glad to get back to a decent climate again, because it has been raining in that state for the past month.

S. M. Reynolds, the Pullman car porter charged with attempt to assault little Miss Josephine Moss, pleaded guilty at Roseburg and will be sentenced to prison.

C. F. Buchholt and family arrived here this week from Watertown, S. D., and have rented a house in town, where they will live while looking over the farming district adjacent to Grants Pass, with a view to purchasing a home and residing permanently in this part of Oregon. Mr. Buchholt is a brother of F. C. Buchholt, bookkeeper for the Rogue River Valley Fruit and Produce association, who has resided here for the past two years. So far as he has seen the country surrounding Grants Pass he is well pleased with the farming possibilities of this section.

The funeral services of Ludger Guennette, who died suddenly on Saturday afternoon from heart trouble, were held Monday morning at the Catholic church, interment being made in the Granite Hill cemetery. Mr. Guennette was 58 years, seven months and four days old, and had been in Grants Pass only a few hours when he was so suddenly stricken with his last illness. He came here with his family from Shirley, Mass., Saturday afternoon and is mourned by his wife, three sons and two daughters.

Mrs. J. P. Martin went to Roseburg Wednesday evening to visit with her daughter, Mrs. O. D. McAllister, for several days.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Callie R. Hill died at Williams Sunday, October 9 and was buried at the Williams cemetery on Monday, October 10.

Mrs. Fred Williams returned Wednesday evening from Medford, where she has been spending a few days with her parents.

A rear end collision occurred in the railroad yards Tuesday morning at about 6:20. August Goettsche, engineer in charge of engine No. 225 was headed south, switching on the house track and was backing up near the water tank when engine No. 221 with Engineer Zimmerman in charge and hauling south crashed into the rear end of engine 225, smashing it so badly that it will have to go to the shops for repairs. The whistle was blown and the engineer and fireman jumped. No one was injured.