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McKAY PROJECT WILL GO THROUGH

JURY VERDICT ASSURES RIGHT OF WAY

Awards totaling \$60,100 as Against Claims of the Defendants Which Amounted to \$101,647, Are Allowed

A verdict was brought in last Friday morning by the jury setting in the case whereby the government had brought condemnation suits to obtain possession of parcels of land necessary in the development of the McKay Creek unit of the Umatilla project.

The trial continued from Monday noon until Friday morning at which time the jury rendered their verdict and was dismissed.

The demand of owners and lessees was as follows: James C. Anderson, 70.4 acres, \$77773; J. L. Hudson, lessee of Anderson, \$1360; Mary S. Jones and heirs, 160 acres, \$19000; Lewis M. Ladow, 499.9 acres, \$65,110; J. J. Chisholm, lessee, \$4586; E. J. Graham, lessee, \$2918, total \$101,647.

The jury's awards were: Anderson \$5500; Hudson \$600; Jones \$14,500; Ladow \$35,000; Chisholm \$2500; Graham \$2000; total, \$60,100.

The jury awarded the settlers approximately twice as much as the figures at which their land had been appraised, therefore the settlers felt their position justified.

Col. J. H. Raley, who conducted the case for the settlers, expressed satisfaction over the verdict but believed that the awards were too low in some instances. He believes the work will start at once. He also states that while in Portland he was informed that the government attorneys and representative settlers of the Stanfield district is to be included in the government project.

R. M. Connor, who has been in Pendleton for some time awaiting opportunity to start work, will no doubt rush preparations and within a short time many men will be employed on the construction work. The work will require several years for its completion and it is said that several hundred people will be employed when work is well under way.

Boy Drowns in Columbia At Boardman

Ezra Hopkins, a nine year old boy living at Boardman, was drowned in the Columbia river last Saturday afternoon. He in company with other boys had been taken with some men to Coyote. The men had left the children instructing them to not go near the river while they were away. But during their absence the boys went in wading. Ezra evidently waded beyond his depth. The men who were not far distant heard the cries of the children and rushed to the scene of the drowning. The boys pointed out the place where he went down but the body was recovered some distance from this spot. Funeral services were held Sunday.

POISON PROOF BEETLES EAT CHICKENS ALIVE

According to eastern press dispatches an army of beetles has taken possession of the fruit orchards near Wheeling, W. Va., and unless checked soon will destroy the crop of fruit.

The pest is a hard shelled beetle about the size of a coffee bean, and a shoe box filled with the bugs has been sent to the state agriculturist for classification and a recipe for extermination.

The beetles are not only devouring the foliage and green fruit, but are literally eating the chickens alive, reports from rural districts disclosed. Paris green, arsenate of lead and boiling water have no effect on them.

Methodist Church Notes

During the past two Sundays the services have been conducted by Rev. N. W. Bloom, who was formerly a pastor in Indiana, and Mr. Graham, a layman of the local church. These services have been worth while and you have missed an inspiration if you have not attended. Next Sunday morning Rev. Bloom will preach on the subject, "What is Thine Occupation." It will be well for many to avail themselves of this opportunity to hear him. The Sunday school is having splendid attendance for summer months. Rev. Wann will probably return before the next Sunday.

Dr. Leech writes from Portland that he will be here to hold the last quarterly conference of the year Saturday evening, July 14, and will preach Sunday morning, July 15.

TOWN IS CLOSED JULY 3 AND 4

A LARGE NUMBER JOURNEY TO MEACHAM

Families Pack Lunch Boxes and Go To Reservoir For the Day

Hermiston's streets were practically deserted last Tuesday and Wednesday. Business houses were closed and business for these two days was forgotten. A good many of Hermiston's residents left Tuesday by auto and train for Meacham where they attended the celebration held at that place, taking this opportunity of seeing the president and his party.

Those who remained in town packed lunch boxes Wednesday and hid themselves to the reservoir or some other shady spot where they spent the day. Quite a number left Tuesday by auto for Bingham Springs where they spent the two holidays.

All of them are back today on the job and things are gradually getting back to normalcy.

Not What It Was Labeled

There is a certain man in Hermiston who has quite an enviable reputation among his circle of friends on account of him being able to produce "home brew" of the finest "head" and quality. It is said that he is able to take a few raisins a peck or so of potato peelings along with a few other ingredients known only to himself, and produce the real stuff similar to that which brought as much fame to Kentucky as her thoroughbred horses.

A few evenings ago the news was circulated among his friends that he had a batch on tap that was "ripe" and they were invited to his home where a party would be given and each allowed to sample the concoction.

An invitation of this nature was always well received by his friends. It meant that a real treat was in store for them. They would again be able to quaff the "cup that cheers" and the cup would contain the "real quill."

At an early hour the guests began to arrive. They were all as thirsty as a cactus in the Sahara desert. At the proper time the lady of the house adjourned to the pantry to bring forth the precious liquid. A decanter was filled and soon glasses were clinking as they drank to the health of their host and again and again the glasses were filled and emptied. The party was a success from every angle. In the wee small hours of the morning the guests started home. It is reported that all reached their destination in safety although a few of them were heard to murmur that the legislature should pass a law compelling the manufacturer's of doors to cut bigger keyholes in them.

The next morning the host of the night before concluded that he would varnish a certain piece of furniture and went to the closet to get the can of varnish. He found the can but it was empty and calling his wife he inquired of what had become of its contents. "Why," she exclaimed, "I thought it was the can you had your home brew in and I guess that we drank it last night." "Holy socks," he exclaimed, "can't you tell varnish when you see it." "I did think it was a little thick, she admitted, so put water into it to thin it down."

The host rushed to the telephone. He had visions of his guests lying at death's door. Perhaps some of them had already passed over the threshold into the promised land. He called the phone number of a man who had attended the party. To his relief and surprise he recognized his voice in answer. "How do you feel," he asked anxiously. "Never felt better in my life," he replied. "And say," he continued, "I'll give you \$10 if you'll give me the recipe for the stuff we were drinking last night. She's sure great. No headache or bad feeling this morning." He called all of them and enquired as to their health and every mother's son give him the same line of chatter. He went back into the pantry and looked at the empty can. It was labeled finishing varnish. "Well I'll be darned if this stuff is what it is labeled. No siree, not by a long shot."

Water Will Be Shut Off

Mr. Pankow, the water superintendent, advises us that the city water will be shut off next Saturday from 9 P. M. to 4 A. M.

Three men will be on duty all night as watchmen to take care of any emergency that may arise. Mr. Pankow states that in case of fire the water can be turned on at a moment's notice.

OREGON NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Important Occurrences of Past Week Briefly Compiled for Our Readers

A price of 9 cents is being paid for prunes bought in the Umpqua valley by packers.

At a recent election the city of Florence, near the mouth of the Siuslaw river, voted to reduce its size.

Twenty-two buildings in Portland, all rated as firetraps, were condemned by the fire marshal's office during May.

With broccoli planting at its height, Umpqua valley growers are finding a great deal of difficulty in getting plants.

Roy A. Klein has been made permanent chief engineer of the highway department by the state highway commission.

The Southern Pacific company has a surplus of 831 cars according to a report received by the public service commission.

The Tri-County Bankers' association of Hood River, Wasco and Sherman counties met in Wasco with thirty-four present.

The Roseburg city council has voted an emergency sum of \$250 to start the campaign against earwigs which have invaded the city.

With the rainy season at an end, fire lookouts have been ordered to all high mountain stations within the Deschutes national forest.

Hundreds of tons of rapidly ripening loganberries in the Salem district will probably be left to decay unless market conditions are improved.

The city and commercial club of Bay City has protested to the public service commission against a proposed raise in rates by the Bay City Water company.

The city of Perrydale has requested the state public service commission to help with the restoration of a regular passenger, express and mail service in that town.

Despite unfavorable weather during the greater part of the month, the June tourist movement through Bend has been considerably in excess of that of last year.

Don C. Mote, entomologist of the Arizona state department of agriculture, has been appointed associate professor of entomology at the Oregon Agricultural college.

The highway between Coos county and the Pacific highway near Roseburg is now open to travel for the entire distance with the Camas mountain detour eliminated.

The new cannery in Eagle valley, Baker county, has begun operations. It is expected the plant will furnish a market for produce which in the past has been a loss to the farmers.

The Bend woolen mills, the city's newest industry, started operation last week. Sixteen knitting machines are installed and the payroll, to start with, is for 30 persons—mostly women.

Fruit growers of Imbler have begun the thinning of the apple crop in earnest and from all indications a bumper crop is assured. The output this year is expected to exceed 400 carloads.

A special election will be held in Oak Lodge water district in Clackamas county August 2, when voters of the district will decide an issue of \$200,000 bonds for a water system.

Suit to cancel all special road taxes in six districts in Lane county in which Starret & Hovey of Detroit, Mich., own timber lands was instituted by this firm in circuit court at Eu-

gene.

Work is progressing rapidly on the new \$30,000 boys' dormitory at the Chemawa Indian school and the building will be ready for occupancy at the time for opening of school next fall.

The Tokay grape crop of Josephine county promises to be as great as that of last year. The vines are full of the green fruit and the weather has been exceptionally good this spring for grapes.

Approximately 1500 Oregon cars and 1000 foreign cars are inspected each week at Baker in order to keep the alfalfa weevil pest from coming in from the infested districts of Idaho and the Snake river.

Herman Zimmerman, a well known miner of the various camps in Baker county, was instantly killed in the underground workings of the Homestead-Iron-Dyke mine at Homestead by being struck on the head by a falling 75-pound boulder.

The million-dollar sawmill built three years ago by the Alesia River Lumber company of Eugene at Glenbrook, in Benton county, and which has never been operated on account of financial difficulties, will be started up within the next few weeks, according to Henry Fischer, receiver.

A. S. Dudley, who was recently chosen as the executive manager of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce, will assume his new duties August 1. He has been engaged in similar work in California.

Bishop John P. Carroll, Helena, Mont., delivered the sermon at Portland at the ceremonies attendant upon the celebration of the silver jubilee of Archbishop Alexander Christie, who has been a bishop of the Catholic church for 25 years.

Mapion county must accept a loss of \$200,000 on its loganberry crop this year to stabilize itself for future marketing, was the position taken at a conference of bankers and representatives of all the canning interests at Salem in an attempt to solve the loganberry marketing problem.

The McKenzie pass will not be open for another three weeks. W. H. May, road contractor, reported at Bend after a trip to the Deschutes-Lane county line. The last mile of the journey was made on foot, snowdrifts, unusually deep for this time of the year, preventing further progress by automobile.

Attorney-General Van Winkle has declared unconstitutional the act passed by the 1923 legislature authorizing the state industrial accident commission to reimburse the city of Canby with the sum of \$1352 which the city paid Peter Horning in compensation for injuries. The decision may go to the supreme court.

George M. Miller, pioneer resident of Eugene and brother of the late Joaquin Miller, poet, has launched a movement to create a national park or national monument at Cape Perpetua on the Pacific ocean in the northwestern corner of Lane county, the tract to include a portion of the Lincoln county coast as well.

Plans are being perfected by the Industrial Workers of the World on the Pacific coast and in the Pacific northwest for another strike within the next few weeks, especial attention being paid to the harvest fields, it was stated in Portland by S. Healy, local spokesman for the timber workers' section of the I. W. W. Healy said

the exact date for the walkout had not yet been set.

Because of the poor market, the Roseburg cannery refused to take any more loganberries for canning. Approximately two carloads of berries were canned under cooperative agreement with the growers, but as the present price is such that a loss is certain to result if any more are canned, it was declared that canning would stop as soon as the present supply is exhausted.

Seven fatalities out of a total of 751 accidents in the state of Oregon were reported to the state industrial accident commission during the week ended June 23, inclusive. Those fatally injured were: Frank Weaver, Salem; G. Gurdipe, Gates; George C. Smalley, Eldorado Springs, Mo.; W. B. Beard, Grants Pass; E. H. Burt, Brighton; Herman Zimmerman, Homestead, and A. Vanstrom, Cascade Locks.

The latest addition to the lumber industry in Medford and Jackson county will be the erection of another mill on the Rogue river near McLeod bridge, between Medford and Prospect, with a capacity of seven to eight million feet of lumber per year. The Brownlee Lumber company that built the big modern mill in Medford a year ago and recently sold it to the Olds Lumber company, will build the new mill.

Submission by October 1, 1923, of a detailed estimate of the annual budget of school districts of the first class and of union high school districts is required of the board of directors in school districts of this type by the tax supervising and conservation commission in each county of the state, according to a letter sent by J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction, to all county and city superintendents of the state.

C. M. Hurlburt, ex-county engineer at Hood River, has completed soundings of the channel of the Columbia river in preparation for construction of the interstate bridge that will connect Hood River and White Salmon, Wash. The next steps in the bridge work will be borings to test for bedrock. The river is comparatively shallow where the bridge will cross and preliminary tests show that bedrock lies close to the bottom of the river. The steel spans over the river will total about 2200 feet.

Victory for the United States government suits to obtain possession of parcels of land necessary in the development of the McKay Creek unit of the Umatilla irrigation project was registered when a federal court jury at Portland returned awards totaling \$30,000 as against claims of the defendants which amounted to \$101,647. Decision of this case opens the way to a development on which the government will expend \$2,500,000 and also establishes a scale of valuation on which the government and the owners of the land still needed for the project may proceed.

Mr. and Mrs. Gogl, of Lebanon, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Unke, this week.

Mrs. John Simpson, aunt of Mrs. Enos Martin, and Mrs. Lena Olsen, of Chicago, are guests at the Enos Martin home.

C. P. Adams and wife, C. C. Mason and Mrs. Carpenter were guests at the Belscamper home the Fourth.

CLUB PEP MEETING HELD

REPRESENTATIVES OF PENDLETON CLUB VISITS

Entertain With Songs and Short Talks Concerning Commercial Club Activities

Quite a number gathered at the Hermiston hotel last Friday night to attend the pep meeting sponsored by the local commercial club.

A delegation from Pendleton in attendance and furnished the different numbers that constituted the program. The quartette rendered a number of songs interspersed by short talks given by members of the Pendleton organization. The banquet was given as a pep meeting for the club and to stimulate the activities of the local body. Pendleton very kindly consenting to furnish the entertainment. In this Pendleton made good in every detail. The musical numbers were well rendered and those who gave short addresses held the interest of the gathering throughout.

COLUMBIA NEWS NOTES

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Charles Kellar left for a business trip to Portland Monday.

Miss Laura Phipps arrived home from Willamette college, which she has been attending.

Milton Matthews went to Spokane Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Matheson, of Ione, were guests at the Williams home the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brumel, Miss Elsie Hester and Mrs. Eula Patterson were dinner guests at the Whitsett home Sunday.

The Neighborhood club will close their meetings through the months of July and August but will continue the second week in September.

Quite a crowd went to Meacham the 3rd and 4th, and those that did not gathered at the reservoir, school house and river and celebrated.

Guests at the Addleman home Sunday were Daisy Calkins, Herbert Hall, Buster Fox and Gerald Haddock.

Why This Issue is Shy Local News

This issue of the Herald is shy of local news. This is caused by two recent holidays. On the third we made the usual rounds in an endeavor to gather local items but found the business houses with a lock on the door and a sign posted "Back Thursday."

On the Fourth the office force took a holiday. We painted a sign for our door, turned the key in the lock and forgot business cares for the day. We have gathered together recent happenings throughout the state and are publishing them this week. We are back in the traces now and are anxiously awaiting next Fourth, so that we may be able to again take our annual holiday.

HOLY CITY TO MANY SECTS

Jerusalem Held a Sacred Spot by Others Than Followers Precepts of the Christ.

We were in the outskirts of Jerusalem before we realized it. We turned a corner in the road, and there before us rose the city, set upon a hill. In its narrow, noisome alleys, its tortuous lanes, its dim bazars, its four-square houses with their brown mud walls, rising on the hillside, one above another, like chairs in an amphitheater, it resembles many another oriental city. But above the flat-roofed dwellings rise scores of imposing buildings in brick and stone, churches, convents, monasteries, hospices, mosques, and synagogues, representing the religious devotion of Protestant and Catholic, Latin and Greek, Copt and Armenian, Moslem and Jew. For it must be remembered that Jerusalem is the Holy city of the Hebrews and of the Mohammedans no less than of the Christians, for here Solomon reared the temple and on its site stands the great mosque of Omar, the third holiest place in the Moslem world.—Harper's Magazine.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Carl Voven a nine and one-half pound girl on Tuesday.

Mrs. J. R. Horning had quite an experience last Monday morning while returning from Moscow, Idaho. She procured a berth in the Pullman and instructed the porter to call her in time to dress for Hermiston. He forgot the instructions and when the train pulled through this city she was asleep. She dressed in time to leave the train at Stanfield and Mr. Horning, when apprised of her plight, met her at this station.

HARDING PLEDGES RECLAMATION AID

Links Irrigation, Power and Inland Waterways as One National Program.

Spokane, Wash.—President Harding, with his official party, invaded the Pacific Northwest Monday afternoon on his speaking tour to Alaska, when he stopped here for a visit of nine hours, during which he delivered an address on reclamation.

Supporters of the Columbia basin irrigation project plan took advantage of the president's visit to lay before him in a concrete manner the proposal to reclaim some 1,753,000 acres of arid lands in Washington.

In a speech at the armory, President Harding renewed his pledge to reclamation, touched upon glimpses of new national strength derived from what he repeatedly terms "this Western wonderland" and linked up as parts of one national program the use of water for irrigation and power, the improvement of inland waterways and the policy of reforestation of cut-over lands.

In his speech, after introduction by Governor Louis F. Hart, the president reiterated his frequent statement that he is not making a political tour, adding that he is glad to give an account of governmental affairs to the people. He digressed briefly from his prepared speech to praise the operations of the budget.

The president sounded warning against exploitation as well as waste of national resources.

SLAYER OF ALBANY SHERIFF ESCAPES

Albany, Or. — George Parker and Ruile Johnson escaped Sunday afternoon from the Linn county jail, where they were being held for the murder of Sheriff W. J. Dunlap. Parker was captured a few minutes after he got out. He was seen by Sheriff Richard before he had climbed over an iron fence that surrounds the rear of the jail. Johnson was still at large.

Investigation by the sheriff revealed that the two men had broken through the wire and iron bar netting above their cell, had placed a blanket on the netting and then had begun cutting through the brick wall, laying all of the debris on the blanket so that it would not be noticed during the visits of officers to their cell at various times. Apparently the job was completed some time Sunday and the men, fearing to wait until nightfall, had decided to get away the best they could in broad daylight.

Both men were charged with first-degree murder by the grand jury and pleaded not guilty.

LAND LAW INTERPRETED

Japanese May Profit on Acreage Without Violating Act.

San Francisco.—A contract between a white man and a Japanese whereby the latter is to settle upon agricultural land for the purpose of preparing it for planting, receiving wages for his work and sharing in future profits on an equal basis, is not a violation of the alien land law passed by the legislature, November 2, 1920, the supreme court decided.

The case was that of K. Okhara, arrested in Placer county on a complaint charging conspiracy with Tom Viencko to violate section 10 of the alien land law. It was alleged that the two men agreed that Okhara should work 20 acres for two years, making it ready for planting. He was to be paid \$50 per acre for this work and one-half the profits when the land became productive.

President Pays Homage to Pioneers.

Meacham, Ore.—Paying homage to the sturdy pioneers who founded Oregon and saved the great Northwest to the nation, President Harding here Tuesday in an address commemorating the eightieth anniversary of the blazing of the Old Oregon Trail, declared the American people owe these pioneers a debt of gratitude which they never can repay.

Throngs Greet President in Portland.

Portland, Or.—President and Mrs. Harding greeted Portland from a parade route extending over several miles of the downtown section upon their arrival here the morning of July 4. From the corresponding miles of downtown sidewalks throngs of Portland people greeted President and Mrs. Harding.

Bert E. Haney Ship Board Member.

Washington, D. C.—Bert E. Haney of Portland, Or., was sworn in Monday as a member of the shipping board, succeeding George E. Chamberlain.

Robert Boswell left Wednesday for Grants Pass.

One Bird They Can't Charm



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