

ARMY ENGINEERS TO SEE VALLEY ON INSPECTION TOUR

(Grants Pass Courier.) To make preliminary arrangements for a proper reception to the board of army engineers who will visit this district next month to inspect Crescent City harbor and the resources of the country back of it, a meeting was held this forenoon at the Commercial club rooms. Present at the meeting was a delegation from the coast city, including the three Del Norte county supervisors, Messrs. W. W. McLaren, Thos. Peacock and West Duley; City Attorney G. A. Webb, and others who were returning from the Tri-State good roads meeting at Medford. The board of trustees of the Commercial club was present, as well as a number of other business men.

The board of engineers which is coming from Washington City to inspect the Crescent City harbor with a view to recommending an appropriation for its improvement will consist of a party of seven or eight men, and the tour through northern California and southern Oregon will be in charge of Lieutenant Colonel Thos. H. Rees of San Francisco. The board has asked that no public receptions be provided, and under the schedule as announced but little time would be given in which to inspect the country, one day being spent in investigating Crescent City harbor.

A delegation from Crescent City will meet the engineers at Eureka and will escort them up the coast to their own city, where they will remain on the 19th, a party from Grants Pass meeting them there with automobiles and bringing them here on the 20th. An effort is now being made to have the party delay its departure another day, in which event they will be taken from Crescent City to Ashland by way of the Applegate, and then returned to Grants Pass via Medford, Central Point and Gold Hill.

While no effort will be made to shower social attention upon the visitors, every effort is being made to properly represent the commercial and industrial interests and impress the board with the importance of building a harbor at Crescent City. The entire district of southern Oregon is vitally interested, and the chief cities will be asked to cooperate. An invitation is being extended to the cities of Ashland, Medford, Central Point and Klamath Falls to send two delegates each, and also to send one auto each and to assist in entertaining the visitors. It is desired, if possible, to come from Crescent City to Camp Three Creeks remaining there over night, and make the tour of the Rogue river valley the next day.

A local committee to have charge of the arrangements and to receive the visitors at Crescent City and accompany them to Grants Pass, was appointed, Attorney O. S. Blanchard, who represented Josephine county at the hearing before this same board in Washington city last winter, being the chairman of the committee. The other members are Dr. J. F. Reddy, Wilford Allen, C. L. Hobart, Frank South, C. D. Selbeck and P. B. Herman.

WAR THREATENS LABOR FAMINE

PHILADELPHIA, July 30.—Heads of great industries in eastern Pennsylvania fear a labor famine as a result of the present European crisis. Large numbers of Austrians and Hungarians in this city applied to their consul for transportation back to their native country while at South Bethlehem officials of the big steel and coke plants received passports for 2000 men.

Paul A. Revka, Austria-Hungarian deputy consul at Wilkesbarre, who represents the government in 12 counties of the anthracite region, estimates that there are between 80,000 and 100,000 subjects of Austria-Hungary in his district and if a general order is issued more than 50,000 of them will return to fight.

BRITISH MANEUVERS IN AFRICA CANCELLED

CAPETOWN, Union of South Africa, July 30.—Maneuvers of the British imperial troops in South Africa were cancelled today and the soldiers ordered to return to their posts in consequence of the critical situation in Europe. Special precautions have been taken for the protection of the ports and the naval station at Simonstown.

SHELL COMPANY INVESTS MILLIONS IN OIL PLANTS

In 1911 when engineers began quietly to survey lands in the principal cities on the Pacific coast from Vancouver to San Diego, including Medford, and orders were being placed for the building of tanks, warehouses, cars, wharves and like equipment, the idea became prevalent throughout the coast that the new concern was none other than the Royal Dutch Shell group of oil operators. When interviewed little information could be secured from the representatives of the new concern which operated under the name of the American Gasoline company of California. However, heavy purchasing continued and before long complete distributing plants were installed in the principal Pacific coast cities. It soon became known that the California Oil Fields Limited had been purchased by these interests. Extensive water frontages on San Francisco bay had been secured and the valley pipeline put into operation. In the meantime immense tank steamers laden with gasoline and consigned to the American Gasoline company were plying between Sumatra and the principal coast ports. There remained no doubt that a new and powerful marketer had entered the field permanently.

Several days ago articles of incorporation were filed by the Shell company of California Inc. When interviewed it was admitted that they were in fact the Royal Dutch Shell group and that hereafter the business would be conducted under the name of the Shell company instead of the American Gasoline company. This authoritative announcement is news of great importance to oil producers on the coast and throughout the world. Several millions have already been expended along the coast and from indications the expenditure to date is only a portion of the total investment which the Shell company is preparing to make.

The Royal Dutch Shell group are immense operators in practically all of the known oil fields of today, including Russia, Roumania, Egypt, Trinidad, Persia, British India, Straits Settlements, Dutch East Indies, British Borne and Mexico. It is conceded that this immense company shares the markets of the world with the Standard Oil company. The Royal Dutch Shell group not only own immense fields in all parts of the world but own and operate extensive refineries, steamers, plants and kindred interests. They are known to be pioneers in the oil business and are ever opening up new oil fields and new marketing possibilities. It has been estimated that their property and investment represents a total of five hundred million dollars.

BARTLETT PRICES IN EAST FIRM

The following are fruit prices at the auction markets of the east: New York—25 cars sold today; 40 Georgias; raining; market firm for Bartletts; firm and steady for plums; higher today for seedless. Bartletts, \$2.15; Grand Dukes, \$1.40; Giants, \$1.20; Hungarians, \$1.40; Gros, \$1.45; Eurekas, 80c; Crawfords, 70c; Seedless, \$1.75. Chicago—11 cars sold today; 1 northwestern; 19 Georgias; weather warm and pleasant. Giants, \$1.50; Grand Dukes, \$1.75; Kelseys, \$1.35; Crawfords, 55c; Elbertas, 60c; Bartletts, \$2.05; Malagas, \$1.45; Seedless, \$1.15. Boston—11 cars sold today; weather wet and unfavorable. Bartletts, \$1.95; Kelsey, \$1.45; Wikons, \$1.40; Giants, \$1.35; Hurbank, \$1.05; Seedless, \$1.40; Elbertas, 75c; Crawfords, 60c. Philadelphia—5 cars sold today; 10 Georgias; rained all night and morning. Bartletts, \$2.10; Grand Dukes, \$1.75; Hungarians, \$1.90; Giants, \$1.50; Seedless, \$1.40; Malagas, \$1.55.

DIED

Charles B. Dilley, a retiring Southern Pacific engineer, who has made his home in Sacramento, died there Tuesday after an illness of more than a month. Heart failure was the cause of death.

Dilley was a native of California and 60 years old. He was a member of the Ashland, Ore., lodge of Elks, and the services will be under the auspices of that order at a date not yet determined.

A widow and two sons, Charles A. Dilley and Earl L. Dilley of San Francisco, and a brother, Addison Dilley, of Salem, Oregon, survive.

LOUISE GRASLER, SUPPORTING GUY BATES POST IN "OMAR, THE TENTMAKER," AT PAGE SATURDAY EVENING, AUGUST 1



APPORTIONMENT FOR SCHOOL PUPILS LARGER

SALEM, Ore., July 30.—According to an announcement made by Deputy State Treasurer Ryan, the interest on the common school fund for the present school year will total approximately \$373,490—an increase of about \$15,000 over the total interest derived from the fund last year. This interest will be apportioned among the counties of the state for the use of the school districts on August 1, and according to the school census which has been turned over to the state treasurer by the state superintendent of public instruction as a basis for the apportionment it will be distributed among a total of 201,887 pupils. Last year the total school population was 197,110, making an increase for this year of 4777 pupils. Last year the apportionment per pupil was \$1.82, and it is believed it will be increased this year to \$1.85 per pupil.

ITALY ABANDONS MEDIATION HOPES

ROME, July 30.—Official circles here appeared today to have abandoned all hope of the efficacy of mediation in the European conflict. It was stated that the moment had now come for Germany to show whether she wanted and still wants war and it was argued that she alone could influence for peace.

HOLLAND DECLARES ABSOLUTE NEUTRALITY

THE HAGUE, Netherlands, July 30.—The Official Gazette today published a declaration of absolute neutrality on the part of The Netherlands during the Austro-Servian war.

MRS. MABEN WAS MADE WELL

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SCHOOL CENSUS SHOWS DECREASE JACKSON COUNTY

SALEM, Ore., July 30.—Census reports received by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill show an increase during the year in the school population of Umatilla, Polk, Morrow, Linn and Lincoln counties, and a decrease in the school population of Klamath, Josephine, Jackson and Sherman counties. All the counties built a number of schoolhouses during the year, and none of them had less than a term of eight months' school. In practically all of them also the salaries for both male and female teachers are higher than last year.

Josephine county's school population decreased from 2962 to 2772. One hundred and twenty-two eighth grade diplomas were issued, as compared with 84 last year. Three schoolhouses were erected, and there was a considerable increase in salaries for male teachers, but the salaries for females remained stationary. Klamath county's school population last year was 2600, but this year it alighted to 2547, and the number of eighth grade diplomas from 139 to 79. Two schoolhouses were erected, and there was quite an increase in teachers' salaries.

The total school population in Jackson county this year is 6806. Last year it was 6848, making a decrease of 42. Last year 300 eighth grade diplomas were issued, and this year 277. Eight schoolhouses were built, and there was a good increase in teachers' salaries.

AMERICANS TO FIGHT UNDER FRANZ JOSEF

VIENNA, Austria, July 30.—A movement is on foot among American citizens and British subjects living in Hungary to form a special corps to accompany the Hungarian army into the field, according to a telegram from Budapest. It is said that British officers who served in the Boer war and who have a lively recollection of Emperor Francis Joseph's sympathy at that time, are at the head of the movement. Scenes of extraordinary enthusiasm accompanied Francis Joseph's return to the Austrian capital today.