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## NATRON CUT-OFF TO BE OPENED JULY 1ST, 1926

Construction work has been carried forward so rapidly on the Southern Pacific Natron cut-off line between Eugene and Klamath Falls that only seven miles of track will remain to be laid when spring permits completion of the project, says the Portland Journal, and continues as follows:

This situation was reported to Portland offices of the company by George W. Boschee, chief engineer, who said that all but 17 miles of the line is now complete and that additional work that could be carried on this fall and winter would leave only the seven-mile gap to complete.

The favorable weather of fall has aided enormously in the rapid progress made this year. Heavy tunnel work can be carried on during the winter months and the final finishing touches will be possible late next spring.

Because of this progress the Southern Pacific has advanced the date for the opening of traffic over the line to July 1. After that date the company will be able to concentrate its energies on other development projects in south central Oregon.

Since the interstate commerce commission expedited hearings on the applications of the Southern Pacific and Oregon Trunk railroads for extensions in south central Oregon it is believed that the government body will hasten a final decision on the permits requested.

The new Natron line will be the first railroad penetration of the Cascade mountain barrier in Oregon and will bring Klamath Falls into Portland's trade territory. In view of the major development program projected in the Klamath Falls territory by both the Southern Pacific and Northern lines this will be an important addition.

If the Southern Pacific applications for building the Alturas cut-off southeast from Klamath Falls, for extension of the Strahorn railroad to Williamson river, Silver Lake and Lakeview and for standardizing the narrow gauge railroad now running north to Lakeview, are acted upon favorably, officials of the company report that they will be able to go ahead with this work almost immediately, using much of the equipment now employed in the Natron cut-off work.

When the Natron cut-off work was first started, western Oregon saw in it an easier route between Oregon and California and a means of interchange between eastern and western Oregon, but with the new Southern Pacific program for the Alturas cut-off and standardization of the Nevada, California & Oregon line to a connection with Southern Pacific lines to Ogden, this now looms as an important transcontinental route for western Oregon traffic.

Some of the results that will come from completion of the Natron cut-off are as follows:  
The maximum grade between Portland and San Francisco will be reduced from 174 to 95 feet per mile.  
The total ascents north and south will be reduced 2875 feet.

Distance between Portland and San Francisco will be reduced 242 miles and the distance between Portland and Klamath Falls will be reduced 189 miles.

The total curvature will be reduced 11,452 degrees or the equivalent of 51 complete circles.

An undeveloped country of virgin timberlands will be made accessible.

Officials of the company report that completion of this line will cost approximately \$23,000,000. Work on the cut-off was halted in 1913 when the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific companies were divorced. At that time the road had been completed from Natron to Oakridge in western Oregon and from Klamath Falls to Kirk in central Oregon. The new work started late in 1923 was to complete the 110-mile stretch between Oakridge and Kirk.

Southern Pacific passenger officials will have some new scenic claims to make for Oregon when the line is placed in service. The picturesque Cascade mountain country will be opened and some of the finest mountain lakes of the west will be on the line. These include Odell and Crescent lakes.

## COUNTY CLERK SUED BY WIFE FOR DIVORCE

BEND, Ore., Oct. 29.—Joseph H. Haner, Deschutes county clerk, has been sued by his wife, Marian Louise Haner, for divorce, the wife alleging that he has barred her at times from their home, has assaulted and choked her, and has refused to pay her bills for the last three months. They were married in 1928 and have two grown sons.

Haner was recently made defendant by the Central Oregon Press, afternoon daily of this city, in action designed to open the files and records of his office and the courts for inspection of the newspaper, which asserted he had refused to allow the paper's representatives access to them.

**Petition Is Denied**  
NEW YORK, Oct. 29.—(A. P.) The motion of the emergency fleet corporation to have the \$10,000,000 suit brought by the Bethlehem Shipbuilding corporation dismissed for lack of jurisdiction was denied today by Federal Judge Condy.

## LEAGUE CALLED ON TO SETTLE WAR IN SYRIA

LONDON, Oct. 29.—(A. P.)—Lack of current news from Damascus tends to encourage appearance of rumors from Arab sources that many heretofore peaceful natives have joined marauding bands in the neighborhood of Damascus, thereby adding to the seriousness of the situation.

It is rumored that the Beirut-Damascus railroad has been cut and that a French column has been isolated by the Druse tribesmen, but there is no means at present of verifying this report.

The question whether the league of nations is going to intervene in any manner in the Syrian trouble continues to be asked here. So far as can be ascertained, no steps have yet been taken by the league.

The disturbed state of the French mandated territory in Syria seems to have been brought to the notice of the league as long ago as the end of September by Sultan Pasha Altrace, chief of the Druse movement, who, through Emir Chekiab Arslan, asked the league to put an end to the hostilities and send a commission to inquire into the situation.

This appeal, according to the Westminster Gazette, has received no reply.

## WILLIAMS BOY NOW ON TRIAL

Walter Williams of Gold Hill, who will be 17 years old next month, went on trial in the circuit court Wednesday afternoon, charged with rape, the defense being conducted by Newton Borden, and the state represented by District Attorney Newton C. Chaney and Assistant District Attorney Allison Moulton. The case is expected to go to the jury late this afternoon.

Yesterday afternoon was devoted to the selection of a jury, and is composed entirely of men, most of them fathers of children. The only witness at the afternoon session was the prosecutor.

The Williams case is the third to be tried this week. In the other two, involving alleged violations of the liquor laws, acquittal verdicts were returned by the jury.

As an outgrowth of the Williams case, Deputy Sheriff Fornbrook was indicted by the last grand jury, on a felony and misdemeanor charge, pleading guilty to the former, and was given a suspended fine of \$50.

**Wood Beats Burns.**  
PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 29.—(A. P.)—Sailor Jack Wood, Texas lightweight wrestler, won two straight falls last night over Frank Burns of Flint, Mich. The Texan won the first fall in 52 minutes 10 seconds with a flying winglock, and the second in 12 minutes 5 seconds with the same hold.

**ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla.**—Walter Johnson of the Senators, bear hunting in the Everglades, put over two wild ones before finding bruin's plate and retiring him.

## ESKIMO SUMMER IN MIDDLE WEST REPLACES INDIAN

CHICAGO, Oct. 29.—(A. P.)—A proposal to change the name "Indian summer" to "Eskimo," would find no objection today in the shivering mountain states and mid-west while the east also might be persuaded in its favor by arguments of snow and cold.

The Christmas weather belt today extended from the Rockies, where from Rapid City, S. D., thermometers stood at 14 below zero to New York where overcoats were in order after rain, hail and a gale sent the mercury skidding.

More snow was indicated for today in most western sections with flurries in the east but relief was promised, however, for tomorrow in the Ohio valley, the east gulf and the middle Atlantic states and southern New England.

The snow in the east that fell lightly in Washington, assumed almost blizzard proportions in eastern Ohio and West Virginia, forcing down three army planes, one of which was wrecked.

Navigation on the upper Mississippi has been brought to a close by near zero temperatures.

The tobogganing sent weather observers delving into musty records and tabulating new low records. Chicago's nineteen degrees above zero was the lowest since 1887; Rapid City's mark set a target for future cold snaps to hit and other points furnished good weather stories for coming oldest inhabitants.

Iowa, Montana and Nebraska also experienced sub-zero weather. In Iowa, Webster city reported 1 1/2 degrees below and Fort Dodge, Cedar Rapids and Mason City, one, two and three above, respectively.

## CALL WITNESSES IN HUNTLEY MURDER CASE

An order was signed by the circuit court Wednesday, directing that 25 witnesses, called by the defense in the trial of Hyman Huntley, section crew worker, charged with first degree murder, as the result of a stabbing affray in which Jesse James Gibbs was killed, last September 2, appear Monday, November 5.

The prosecution will begin next week, and will last all week.

Among those called as witnesses are George Quine, county judge of Douglas county, the father and brother of the deceased, and witnesses living in this city.

## MRS. CARUSO PREPARES TO DIVORCE HUSBAND

NEW YORK, Oct. 29.—Mrs. Dorothy Benjamin Caruso Ingram is denying "gossip" that Italy plans to end her guardianship over her daughter and to her marriage to Captain E. A. Ingram, whom she is now preparing to divorce in Paris.

## BLACK KING IS DELIGHTED WITH LIFE IN AMERICA

NEW YORK, Oct. 29.—(A. P.)—King Nana Amodi III, ruler of the Fanti, a section of the Gold coast of West Africa, went back to his people today, convinced that the treatment accorded negroes in America is better than in any other civilized country, except France. The king came here a month ago for a study of conditions in American cities, where large negro populations have congregated. He sailed today aboard the Cunard liner Herengaria for England, en route to Africa.

The king said he never had advocated emigration of the negro from America to Africa.

"The black people in America should be proud of the fact that they are Africans and they should adopt the name of Africans and use it," he said. "I think the place for the African in America is America, where through education and industrial advancement they will in the future generations be of great assistance to America."

## WOMAN DRUGGED JEWELS STOLEN

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 29.—(A. P.)—Mrs. Eva May Fleming reported to the police early today that she had been robbed of \$17,000 in jewels by some new found men friends who lured her to their apartment in Sutter creek. Mrs. Fleming said she fell under the influence of a drug administered by the pair on Monday evening and when she was revived on Wednesday her jewels were missing. Police are attempting to locate the men through a third party, who vouched for them. Mrs. Fleming, a business woman, was unable to give the names of the men.

## Road Districts to Vote Levies For Roads and Bridges

The Mail Tribune is now carrying the legal notices to voters in the different road districts in the county, setting the time and place of meetings, where the tax levies for road and bridge work may be voted for 1926. Watch for your district.

The county court has arranged that some member of the court will be present at each of these meetings to explain any question which may be proposed with reference to the work for next year and the court is anxious that the residents in the different districts should discuss their needs and come prepared to say just what they must have done in 1926, and vote the funds necessary.

**Changed Their Mind.**  
COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho.—After the referee had awarded the fight to Don Frazier, Spokane, on a foul in the fifth round of a scheduled ten-round

bout with Al Gracio, Spokane, the Idaho state boxing commission overruled the decision and declared the bout no contest.

**Sheriff Refuses to Fly.**  
—BAKERSFIELD, Cal.—Sheriff Cas Walker, when notified of the theft of

an airplane from the Bakersfield airport, said "he was not ready to inaugurate a pursuit."

**What Was In It?**  
LONDON.—Raising to his lips a loving cup such as graced King Arthur's board, Ambassador Houghton

has been elected as honorary knight of the round table.

**Radio Is Appealed To.**  
LOUISVILLE.—A man who thinks his name is Lower, has appealed to a broadcasting station to establish his identity following an amnesia attack.

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