

## EARTHQUAKE SHOCK FELT

### Tears a Mountain Open Several Miles From Alturas

Explosion is Also Heard in the Vicinity of the Lava Beds and a Volcanic Eruption Was Feared by Residents of Merrill.

ALTURAS, March 18.—Report reaches here to the effect that the country in the vicinity of Canby was shaken up by either a volcanic eruption, an earthquake or an immense landslide. The residents of that section of the country were apprised of the fact that some disturbance was occurring, by hearing the sound of the disturbance, which reverberated through the small valleys and mountains there for perhaps twenty minutes. The occurrence was accompanied by a shock, which seemed to be something like an earthquake, but consisted of only one sudden, severe jar.

The shock was plainly felt in Alturas, but it was believed at that time that it was the result of some heavy blasting which was going on two or three miles from town.

It is claimed that the cause of the disturbance has since been discovered, and that it bears the appearance of having been an eruption from the side of one of the mountains about ten miles west of Canby. From the reports of those who visited the scene it seems that a large section of the side of the mountain, near the top, bears the resemblance of having been blown out by a terrific explosion. This started immense landslides, and the loosened land and rocks tore down the side of the mountain with frightful effect, filling ravines and gulches, tearing up forests and sweeping everything before in their path.

The mountain sides, where the explosion occurred, are fearfully broken up. Great fissures yawn in the bed-rock, the depth of which no one has yet been able to ascertain.

The quaka was also heard in the vicinity of Tule Lake. The following is from the Merrill Record:

Last Friday morning shortly after 5 o'clock an unusually loud and continued rumbling like distant thunder was heard by many people living in the vicinity of the lavas, the sound lasting for probably thirty seconds. The reverberations were heard by C. V. Andrews and Nelson Fogle at their camp near the Barnstap mountains some twenty miles south of this city and on the western shore of Tule Lake, by William Beall and others of the southern Oklahoma country and by many people in the Red Rock section of Siskiyou coun-

ty. The extraordinary loud and prolonged noise was thought to be in the Punicostony Lake and Ghan Mountain region some forty miles south and a little west of Merrill, and those who heard it are positive that there must have been "something a doing" in that locality.

#### MARINE NOTES.

Most all the learned water prophets on the big lake declare the high waters to be receding. Although we have had a lot of rain in the past few months the lake has not been so high as nearly two feet as in former years.

The steamer Mazama went up the lake yesterday. She has the job, for she is present at least, of towing logs from Crystal for the Long Lake Lumber Company.

The steamer Eagle left today for Jodoe Point for a cargo of sand.

The steamer Winema is at Odessa and the Hornet will be put on the lake and thoroughly overhauled at the same place.

The Long Lake Lumber Company has started work on the new tow out. She will be 15 feet beam and something over 60 feet over all. She will, we understand, be built on the new model.

All the timbers required to finish the frame of the new mill are on the ground and work is progressing under the able and efficient management of Mr. Holland.

Commodore Noster.

#### SOCIETY NOTES OF WEEK.

The past week has been a very busy one in society and there has been a large number of entertainments, both private and semi-public. Besides the dances and card parties, receptions were given for coming brides and visiting ladies.

Mrs. Alex. Martin, Jr., entertained in honor of Miss Edna Jensen and receptions were given by Mrs. O. H. Gates and Mrs. Don J. Zumbert, in honor of Miss Helen Gates, of Portland.

Last evening another reception was given in honor of Miss Jensen by the Misses Campbell and Drew at the home of Mrs. Louis Gerber.

This afternoon the ladies' bridge club was entertained by Mrs. E. J. Murray, and Mrs. L. F. Whitts entertained the Bid Whist Club at her home on Fourth and Klamath.

#### BUILD COUNTY HOSPITAL.

A hospital for the use of the county and city of Klamath Falls is to be built on the county poor farm. The specifications for the bids, which have been advertised for, provide for a live room building of one story. The contract will be let Monday and the building is to be erected at once. The expense of the building will be borne by the county and city jointly.

#### AT THE OPERA HOUSE TONIGHT.

"Dora, the Russian Idol," "Father Buys a Hand Roller," and "The Two Traveling Hand Bags." New songs.

## President Sanderson Explains Light and Water Difficulty

Editor Evening Herald:

Mr. Gates on behalf of his company having seen fit to air his supposed grievances with the Common Council in your issue of the 16th, and charging it with repudiation, inaction and dishonesty, it seems proper that a word or two should be said in defense of the Council. One side of a case always looks good until the other side is presented; then it looks different.

In his "notice to whom it may concern," Mr. Gates says: "conditions created by the inaction of the City Council makes it impossible for us to excavate in the streets for new work in electric and water extensions." Interviewed by the Herald as to the meaning of that announcement he says: "It means that the City Council refuses to carry out the conditions of the contract between us and the city." Rather a weak plea in face of the fact that it was up to Mr. Gates, in 1905, to ask for a new franchise, if he deemed it necessary for the safe and successful conduct of his system within the city limits. A little farther on in the interview he states in reply to the interrogation propounded by the Herald: "why he should stop now," says "Because we have been doing that which was illegal is no reason why we should continue." To a man up a tree it looks like a case of "getting religion at the eleventh hour."

If Mr. Gates has been doing that which was illegal for four years, or to speak accurately, since April 29th, 1905 (that being the date the lighting franchise expired), why should he call at the Council, charge it with inaction and endeavor to shift the responsibility because it does not instantly accede to his demands for new franchises that should have been made long ago, if at all.

The City Council is seised by the people to safeguard the interests of the city, and I suspect the "better element" had a hand in that election, too, and hasty action upon a matter of so much importance as a five year contract for water and lights, including the granting of franchises to Mr. Gates, to do business within the city limits for five years, might lay the Council open to the charge of gross carelessness.

At no time or place has the Common Council refused to give Mr. Gates a franchise; but they have refused and still refuse to be rushed pell-mell into making contracts and granting franchises to Mr. Gates or any one else that might embarrass the city or private consumers of the lights and water in the future. The Council in viewing the situation felt that as Mr. Gates had been contentedly doing business within the city limits and outside the city limits for nearly four years without a franchise, during which period the monthly payment for city service had nearly trebled,

owing to new service, why should not the Council, when Mr. Gates' long deferred application for new franchises, came in, take sufficient time to consider what the city needed, and determine where they were at. The Council did not consider that Mr. Gates, after being a free lance in the light and water business for so long would chafe at a delay of a month or so in the pending negotiations, or that its apparent inaction would cause any apprehension as to the legality of any work that might be done in the way of extensions, tapping of mains, and furnishing of lights or power. Had the city notified Mr. Gates to desist from carrying on his operations until matters were adjusted, his plaint might have been justified. Consistency is just as much a jewel in the diadem of a light and water company as anywhere else.

The furnishing of power and lights to territory outside the city limits upon the strength of his privileges within the limits, is not a matter that is before the Council. Mr. Gates has submitted propositions on lights and for a new main on Klamath avenue and extra hydrants, involving quite an outlay for monthly rentals on the part of the city, which the Council are considering. Now, is it not possible, that between the offers of Mr. Gates, embodied in those propositions, and what the Council will require, there should be an honest difference of opinion, that may result in a compromise of the terms of the contract? If it is a badge of dishonesty for parties to a proposed contract to compromise their differences as to its terms, the majority of business men, parties to transactions of that nature, are open to the charge of "starting dishonestly" in their negotiations. The matters pending between Mr. Gates and the Council are strictly of a business nature, and their minds must meet on the questions involved. Gallery plays and threats of legal proceedings have no place in the matter at any stage.

In October, 1906, the terms of the old light franchise (Ordinance No. 45), as to city service was repealed by mutual consent, and a new contract was entered into, which by its terms expired December 31st, 1905.

Since the latter date the town of Klamath Falls has changed its name and adopted a new charter. The present City Council is the fourth body of citizens sworn in to administer the city affairs since the light franchise expired. Wasn't it a reasonable presumption for the present Council to indulge, that Mr. Gates, not having applied for a new franchise, felt perfectly secure in pursuing the even tenor of his way? Practically all the extensions and improvements of the system have been made since 1905. The monthly rentals and charges paid the company during that time have greatly increased; and never has there been manifested a disposition on the part of the present Council to repudiate the warrants drawn in favor of the company for that service.

Mr. Gates states in that interview, that after April 1st, that unless paid in cash for city service, it will be discontinued—that the warrants would be illegal.

It sounds a little strange, for Mr. Gates, after accepting the city's bounty for fourteen years, and occupying the attitude now, of asking a continuance of those privileges, to threaten a discontinuance of the city service and be the first one to discredit its warrants in a newspaper article; nay, more, to openly threaten to blacken its credit before the world in case it should have occasion to go into the market for sale of its bonds; and all because the Council assumes to take time to consider pending negotiations, that had their origin at the meeting of the Council in this month.

F. T. SANDERSON, President of the Council.

LAKEVIEW HAS AUTO LINE TO ALTURAS.

LAKEVIEW, Or., March 20.—The Rinehart auto line, with E. E. Rinehart as proprietor, has been established between here and Alturas, the

northern terminus of the N. C. O. Railroad. To meet the incoming rush of settlers three trips will be made in the week, although doubtless this will not be adequate for the numbers arriving daily, and those expected to arrive during the summer to locate on the public lands and those of the Oregon Valley Land Company.

The prospects of a railroad to cover this line are now very bright, and it is expected that a standard-gauge will soon be substituted for the narrow-gauge from Reno to Alturas, and be extended northward to Lakeview. A crew of surveyors is now at work between here and Alturas, obviously preparing for the construction of the contemplated extension.

#### WILL SEED LARGE ACREAGE.

A full carload, 45,000 pounds, of grain and alfalfa seed was received yesterday by Geo. T. Baldwin. The seed is for W. W. Masten and will be sowed this spring on land in the Klamath Basin south of Klamath Falls. This is only one individual order but nearly all of the farmers in the valley are planning to put more acreage in grain and alfalfa this year. The demand has always been in excess of the supply and there is a good market for both alfalfa and grain and these two crops are always sure and require less work than others.

#### HOW BENSON BALKED GAME BILL'S RECALL.

Merely by transferring the duck amendment to the game code from the Governor's pocket in his coat to the Secretary of State's pocket, Governor Benson executed a neat little coup on the Legislature when it learned the house was about to recall the bill for further discussion and riot. The Governor was anxious that the Legislature complete its work and did not believe in allowing a little thing like a duck to interfere.

Before the messenger from the House could arrive the Governor took the bill from his (Governor's) pocket indorsed it as follows: "Filed March 16, 1909, F. W. Benson, Secretary of State," and placed it in the Secretary of State's pocket.

When the messenger from the House arrived and made request for the bill, the Governor said:

"You are too late; the bill has just been filed with the Secretary of State."

#### CHANGE IN PRICE OF BREAD.

Commencing Monday, March 22, the City Bakery will give 6 loaves of bread for 25 cents. Owing to capacity of shop we are unable to supply the demand at the present price of 8 for 25 cents. Free delivery of bread or groceries to any part of town.

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## FORM DAIRY ASSOCIATION

### Enthusiastic Meeting Is Held This Afternoon Here

One of the Most Important Steps Towards the Development of the Klamath Country and Making the Farmer Independent.

One of the most important meetings ever held in Klamath Falls and one from which great results are predicted, was held this afternoon at the office of Frank Ira White, when over thirty of the leading farmers and land owners gathered for the purpose of organizing a dairy association. The greatest interest was manifested by the large attendance which completely filled the office.

Much useful information was given by those experienced in the business, and the interest manifested showed that the farmers of Klamath have awakened to the importance and advantage of promoting the dairy industry in this section. W. H. Helloman, of the Reclamation Service, who was present, gave some very valuable information from his vast knowledge of the soils and climatic conditions of the county. Mr. Helloman stated that the Klamath country was ideal for the dairy herd and predicted that the time was near at hand when this county would produce butter and cheese equal to any section in the United States. He spoke very favorably of the co-operative plan in the creamery business and urged that this movement be not confined to this end of the Klamath Basin, but should cover the entire valley. He stated that the sooner the Klamath farmer added the dairy herd to his farm, the better it would be for the prosperity of the entire county. He explained the particular good points of the Jersey, Holstein, Durham and other breeds, and gave it as his opinion that the Holstein or a cross with the Jersey would be more successful in this climate than the pure blood Jersey, especially as the latter needed very careful attention and would not stand exposure as some of the hardier breeds would.

#### CLOPTON RECOVERING.

Claude Clopton, who has the small pox, is reported as getting along nicely, and no further cases have been reported since yesterday. Mr. Clopton is confined at the Giles place, which is one of the buildings on the extreme east end of the Ankeny ranch and entirely removed from any of the other farm houses. He is kept under guard so that there will be no possible chance of others becoming exposed.



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