

LARGE COMBINATIONS ARE TO BE PROSECUTED

CRIMINAL TRIAL BEING HINTED AT

STEEL TO BE PROBED

PROGRESSIVE SENATORS FAVOR A STRENGTHENING OF THE SHERMAN ANTI-TRUST ACT—AMENDMENT IS PROPOSED

United Press Service WASHINGTON, May 16.—A high government official states that criminal prosecution of the Standard Oil officials may follow yesterday's decision. Attorney General Wickham, it is said, is to consider the matter soon.

It is possible that obstacles to the prosecution may confront the government in the statute limitations under which the oil officials are expected to claim immunity.

The government takes the position that the combination is continuing an offense up to the time when the trust was ordered to be dissolved.

Investigate Steel Trust

United Press Service WASHINGTON, May 16.—The house unanimously passed the resolution of Congressman Augustus Stanley of Kentucky, ordering a sweeping investigation of the steel trust and its operations.

Would Amend Anti-Trust Act

WASHINGTON, May 16.—At an informal conference of the senate progressives today it was decided to urge the amendment of the Sherman anti-trust law reading "no combination in restraint of trade shall be regarded as reasonable within the terms of this act."

WOODVILLE ARGUS HAS ENTERED THE LIMELIGHT

The latest publication in Southern Oregon to make its appearance is the Woodville Argus, published at the thriving Jackson county town of the same name, which has just made its initial appearance. The paper is an attractive five-column sheet of four

Manufacturer Bitterly Arraigns American Federation of Labor

United Press Service NEW YORK, May 16.—President Kirby of the National Association of Manufacturers, in a vitriolic speech last night said:

"The American Federation of Labor is engaged in an open warfare on Jesus Christ and His principles. I challenge the Federation to disprove my assertions. This irresponsible Federation has been permitted to grow up in our midst, unscathed by law, unwhipped by justice.

"Although its purpose is to draw to a common level all working men and women, irrespective of intelligence, it refuses to submit to a govern-

ment of any kind except the will of its own bosses. The greatest capitalistic concerns of the country are not permitted to do half the things these labor leaders claim the right to do.

"I firmly believe the destruction of the Los Angeles Times building was the result of accumulated revenge on the part of criminal labor leaders. This is shown by the fact that nearly \$200,000 has been raised by the leaders of the American Federation to prevent Otis from saving Los Angeles from typographical unionism which made San Francisco smell like unto hell."

DOINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

GAS FRANCHISE INTRODUCED, PAVING BIDS OPENED, AND OTHER IMPORTANT MATTERS CAME UP FOR ATTENTION

At last night's meeting of the council there were present Castel, Oberchain, Willets, Hanks, Faught, Stansie and Waldron. Castel was a little late about coming, and as Hanks and Willets were slow in returning to their seats after leaving the city hall to find out where the fire was, it looked for a while as though it would be necessary to postpone the meeting.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Clendenning stable, L. Frazer, P. Doughty, C. A. Arnold, E. Haden, W. W. Masten, Thos. E. Stanley, C. M. Weldon, H. J. Doughty, Wakefield Bros., Geo. T. Baldwin, Geo. T. Baldwin, Geo. T. Baldwin, Greer & Anderson, Klamath Co. Abstract Co., Farmers Imp. & Sup. House, W. H. Wyant, Mrs. L. M. Sullivan, W. O. Smith, J. W. Depuy, W. H. Straw, George Costello, A. A. Mehahey.

Building Permits F. O. Greenwood, 12x24 foot house

on lot 654, block 119, Mills addition. Garrett & Acteson, one-story frame building on lot 9, block 96, Klamath addition. A. J. Dodd, six-room frame house on lot 5, block 90, Klamath addition. A. J. Dodd, six-room frame house

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ST. LOUIS CENTER OF ARMY SYSTEM

WAR DEPARTMENT PLANS TO REORGANIZE THE NATION'S FIGHTING FORCE, PRINCIPAL WESTERN BASE.

United Press Service

WASHINGTON, May 16.—According to plans of the war department, St. Louis is to become the chief military center of the United States the plan being a part of a board scheme of reorganization. Five divisions, it was said, will be created.

There will be the division of the east, headquarters at New York; division of the west, with headquarters at San Francisco; the central division, headquarters at St. Louis; the division of Hawaii and Panama and the division of the Philippines. The proposed central division will embrace the present departments of the Missouri, the lakes, the Colorado and Texas.

AUSTRALIA WILL HAVE BIG DEFENSIVE FORCE

SYDNEY, May 16.—Australia's system of universal military service is now being enforced, and it is reckoned that by the middle of the year from 80,000 to 100,000 youths between the ages of 14 and 17 will have been enrolled for the defense of the commonwealth. Under the scheme every boy on attaining the age of 12 must begin physical drill, and at 14 he becomes a senior cadet and undergoes a prescribed course of training until his 18th year, when he is drafted into the citizen army, to remain there until he attains the age of 26. After this year there will be a continuous transfer of cadets to the ranks of the adult soldier, and in eight years or less there should be available a reasonably well trained force of something like 100,000 men, with a valuable second line of veterans behind them. Of such a development Australia will have good reasons to be proud. Perhaps the most remarkable thing is that this national military system has been self-imposed by the freest democracy.

COSTS \$10 A DAY TO VIOLATE MOSQUITO LAW

NEW YORK, May 16.—The health department of Montclair, N. J., which has begun a campaign to exterminate mosquitoes, announced that it would strictly enforce the state laws to aid in the work. One of the laws relates to stagnant water. It stipulates that in case it is proved such pools propagate mosquitoes, the owner may be fined \$10 for each day that the nuisance is permitted to exist.

There is a general effort by Northern New Jersey communities to reduce the number of mosquitoes this spring. The pest was so pronounced last summer that there is strong sentiment in support of the health department's efforts.

Barn Afire At 8 o'clock last night the fire department was summoned to Tenth street, near the reclamation service headquarters, where a barn belonging to B. S. Gregory was set afire by youngsters playing. While the blaze was soon put out, it demoralized the council meeting for a while, just as a quorum was present, as several of the members rushed out at the first tap of the bell.

THE GAS FRANCHISE

THE people of Klamath Falls are offered something that we believe the majority of them have been praying for for many years. They now have the opportunity for securing gas in their homes for cooking and lighting purposes; they are offered service which will enter into competition with electricity for lighting purposes, and cannot but result in a reduction of this necessity. The proposition is now up to the people to accept or reject, and we believe that no time should be wasted in settling the question.

With the excessive cost of fuel, which is yearly increasing until it is becoming a great burden to the working man with a family, gas for cooking purposes is an absolute necessity. We believe that if this question was left to the women of this city that there would not be a dissenting vote against allowing a gas company the privilege of doing business here. Yet it would seem from the attitude of the mayor and some of the councilmen at last night's session, that there was a question whether Klamath Falls wanted an industry of this kind.

For the benefit of the people of the city a copy of the franchise asked for by the Boardman company is printed elsewhere in this issue. We would ask the people of this city to read every section of the franchise carefully, and see if there is anything therein that would be to the disadvantage of the city.

Many people are opposed, and justly so, to long term franchises, and it is probable that a number may object to granting this company the privilege of doing business in this city for fifty years, but we can see no objection to this in the present case, as the people, through their council, have the right to regulate the rates at any time. We presume that it is not the intention of the people to discontinue using gas at the end of any twenty-five years. Of course, if they should do so, it would mean that the company would have to go out of business, whether they had a franchise or not. It would be just as easy to regulate the charges of the company at the end of twenty-five years as it would today, and it would also be as easy to regulate one company as another, so that we can see nothing to be gained by a short term franchise. A franchise is nothing more nor less than a permit to do business, and Klamath Falls certainly should encourage every industry that it has an opportunity to secure. However, we believe in the absolute control and regulation of the rates and service of public corporations by the people.

The most important feature to be considered by the people is the question of time. The streets of Klamath Falls are now torn up, and will continue to be so all this year. This is the time that all of the improvements which will affect the condition of the streets should be made. The company realizes that it will be much cheaper to lay their pipes now than at some future time after the pavements have been finished. For this reason immediate action by council is necessary.

Has Fine Hair Goods

The ladies of Klamath Falls are given a rare opportunity this week to secure splendid hair goods at most reasonable prices, as Miss Elisabeth Present is here from Chicago with a complete line. Miss Present is a guest at the Baldwin, and in addition to the display of wigs, etc., she will give free demonstrations of modern hair dressing, etc. Miss Present will be here for the remainder of the week.

"CORPSE" PUT TO BED AND BROUGHT TO LIFE

PAU, May 16.—A woman named Mrs. David, who lives near Pau, in the Basque Prenches, has just had a narrow escape from the fearful fate of being buried alive. Mrs. David, an elderly woman, was taken ill a few days ago and apparently died. The doctors said she was dead and the funeral was arranged for. As the body was being placed in the coffin a slight movement was noticed. The "corpse" was hastily carried in

to another room and put to bed. In a couple of hours' time Mrs. David recovered from her deathlike trance, and was able to converse intelligently with members of her family. During the state of catalepsy she was unconscious, and is therefore unaware that she had been taken for dead.

DORRIS NINE MAY BE HERE SUNDAY

OLIVER IS ALSO ARRANGING A GAME WITH THE FAST AGGREGATION HAILING FROM ABOUT FORT KLAMATH

Manager Oliver of the Klamath Falls baseball team is expecting any moment to hear from the Dorris ball manager in regards to a challenge sent to that team for a game here Sunday afternoon. Dorris has a good nine on the diamond this year, and they will undoubtedly accept, as it is rumored, they would like nothing better than to have the scalp of the local team dangling from their standards. A game with the fast Fort Klamath team may be played a week from Sunday, and when they come here a hot game is expected. In addition to the fast players they have now, the team has been strengthened by a number of new arrivals, who are touted as being among the best amateur players in Oregon. A return game will be played later in the year.

THEY PLAY OFF THE TIE THIS SATURDAY

The members of the baseball squad of the Klamath County high school are utilizing every possible moment for practice, and are doing everything possible to be in big league form by Saturday afternoon, when they buck up against the Merrill High in this city, to play off the tie game. A hard fought game from start to finish is sure to be played, and the locals are determined to carry off the honors for the red and white.

Merrill advices are to the effect that the Merrill team is not letting the grass grow under their feet when it comes to practice, and that the nine will arrive in Klamath Falls Saturday, sworn to win the big game and even up matters for the defeat earlier in the season. A number of rooters will accompany the team, not only the students, but as many of the townspeople as can possibly get away.

Saturday's game is attracting interest all over the country, and a record crowd is expected.

SOUTH AMERICAN "EXTRA" URGED ON YANKEE PAPER

WASHINGTON, May 16.—To educate South Americans in the aims and spirit of American diplomacy, William P. Croson, Charge d'Affaires of the United States Legation at Lima, Peru, advocates in a dispatch to the State Department the insurance of a South American supplement by some metropolitan newspaper in this country. He bases his views on the fact that a similar supplement published some time ago by an English paper met with great success in Peru, and that the South American governments generally furthered its distribution. The Peruvian government, under an agreement extending until 1918, he adds, subscribed to 14,000 copies of an English monthly published in Peru by an American journalist.

THREE POWER SITES WITHDRAWN LAST MONTH

Special to The Herald WASHINGTON, May 16.—Three new power site withdrawals of public lands were made during the month of April, based on the field work of the United States geological survey. The

DR. BURKE TO GET LIBERTY ON BAIL

land included in the withdrawals aggregate 97,559 acres.

There were also restored to entry 231 acres of former withdrawals, found upon examination not to be necessary to the protection of government power sites.

The policy of the government, as stated by the director of the geological survey in the matter of the classification of the public lands is, first, to withdraw such areas as may be considered necessary from the standpoint of the federal government in the protection and conservation of its mineral and water resources; second, to make such withdrawals as accurately as possible, on the basis of the data or information available; and third, to make further investigations and secure additional data in order to restore, if possible, any areas not absolutely necessary to the protection of the people's interest. In many cases the restorations represent the actual demand, in the form of petitions, for the use of the land for other purposes than those for which the withdrawal was made, and if full investigation shows this land to be most valuable for the use contemplated by the applicant, then the principle of relative worth becomes the deciding factor. This is simply carrying into practice the broad scheme of the classification of the public lands so as to secure their devotion to the highest and most beneficial use.

HEALTH ENDANGERED

DOCTORS TESTIFY THAT FURTHER INCARCERATION WOULD PROVE THE UNDOING OF THE PHYSICIAN

United Press Service SANTA ROSA, May 16.—Dr. Wilford P. Burke, the man who was sentenced for dynamiting the tent of Lu Ella Smith, was today admitted to bail in the sum of \$50,000 by Judge Thomas C. Denny. Burke was returned to the custody of the sheriff until the bail is furnished and approved.

The judge ordered Burke's release after Doctors J. Walter Scawell of Healdsburg, J. E. O'Brien of Petaluma and A. W. Thompson of Sonoma testified that further incarceration would probably result in Dr. Burke's death. They declared that Burke is suffering from hardened arteries, and that his pulse action indicated heart disease. Dr. Burke stated today that he expected no difficulty in the matter of securing bail. He has been liberated, pending an appeal from conviction.

Mrs. D. M. Griffith and J. S. Griffith were in the city yesterday from Eagle Ridge Tavern. While here they stopped at the Lakelide Inn.

OLD SLEUTH DAYTON TURNS TRUCK NICELY

Some Dorris parties while visiting at Klamath Falls during the week lost two suit cases at the depot. After a fruitless search by the transfer company and the station employes the case was placed in the hands of private detective, Howard Dayton, whose record of success in difficult cases would fill a volume. He is accustomed to take up the trail where others leave off. He saw the trail where others failed to find a clue. After two days' work he recovered the suit cases from a party on the main line of the railroad. As all the contents, from baby clothes to a gold watch were recovered the handsome reward was promptly paid to him in full.—Dorris Booster.

ARMS SHIPMENT MUST NOT BE PLOTTED HERE

WASHINGTON, May 16.—To clear up doubt as to the extent to which munitions of war can pass into Mexico, through ports controlled by the insurgents, officials of the administration today stated positively that arms and ammunition and all supplies which are commercial shipments will be allowed transit, provided there is no indication that they are part of an enterprise fostered on United States soil against the government of Mexico.

Ordinance For Gas Franchise Has Passed Its First Reading

At last night's meeting of the city council, Councilman Hanks introduced the ordinance granting a fifty year franchise to the W. F. Boardman company for the establishment and maintenance of a gas plant here, and the measure was read for the first time. Nearly everybody present seemed in favor of the measure, but the atchiever seemed to be the life of the franchise. Attorney Crane for the company was present, and answered the questions poured at him, saying that the company desired to get the measure through as soon as possible, in order to allow them to lay their mains before the paving is finished.

Councilman Waldron objected on the grounds that the people recently voted favoring municipal ownership, but Crane answered by saying it was impossible for the city to own a gas plant under the present charter. Waldron then insisted that the matter should be decided by a vote of the people.

After the first reading Castel moved that the ordinance be passed to its second reading, and the vote stood four in favor and two dissenting. Mayor Sanderson held that the motion was lost, as a majority of the council was not in favor of its passage. Castel then appealed from the mayor's ruling, holding that it was not necessary to have a majority of the votes of the whole council, a majority of those present being sufficient

An Ordinance Granting the W. F. Boardman Company, its Successors, and Assigns, a Franchise, for the Erection, Operation and Maintenance of a Gas Plant, Within the City of Klamath Falls, Oregon; and for the Manufacture, Sale and Distribution of Fuel, Illuminating and Heating Gas, Their By-Products, Within the City of Klamath Falls, Oregon; and to Furnish Gas for Street and Alley Lighting, Within the Said City of Klamath Falls, Oregon; and to Lay Gas Pipes in the Streets, Alleys and Thoroughfares of the City of Klamath Falls, Oregon.

The City of Klamath Falls Ordains as Follows: Section 1.—That a franchise be, and is hereby granted unto W. F. Boardman company, its successors and assigns, conveying unto it the right to lay gas pipes and conduits for a period of fifty years in the public streets, alleys and thoroughfares of the city of Klamath Falls, Oregon, and for the purpose of manufacturing, carrying and distribution of gas for light, heat and power, and to make all necessary connections with said pipes and conduits; provided, however, that said

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