

## NATRON CUT WORK NEEDS TWO YEARS

### THIS END MAY REST

#### CONTRACTORS PREPARING TO MOVE EQUIPMENT AND POSSIBLY CONTRACT MAY BE DEFERRED UNTIL 1913

With Erickson & Peterson, contractors, who built that portion of the Southern Pacific Natron-Klamath Falls cut-off to the lower end of the Klamath marsh at the Williamson river, packing up their belongings, which had been stationed there during the winter, it looks very much as though there may be no work done on this end of the cut-off during the coming summer. The removal of the contractors' equipment may not, on the other hand, signify very much, for the reason that the contract might be let later. It is apparent, however, that no contract has yet been let for working from the Williamson river northward, and the fact that the upper end of the work on the unbuilt line will include such labor that it may take at least two working seasons to accomplish it, makes it seem a feasible theory that the railroad people will not build the lower part of the gap and let it lie idle for a couple of years, but wait until the upper end can be constructed to meet it.

M. K. Temple, of the engineering department of the Southern Pacific, said this morning that nothing official had been learned by the department on the subject, although the appearance of things would lead to the belief that no work would be done during this year from the river northward. He believed that there might be word shortly, and that if work is to be done the engineering force which has been encamped here in cars on the Southern Pacific tracks during the winter would shortly pull out.

"The contract may be let later for this year and again it may not be," he said. "Things are rather quiet generally over the country and possibly directors of the company are like tying up capital in the extension and let the traffic unimpeded."

He decided to go ahead with the extension is."

The upper portion of the unbuilt line includes a score or more of tunnels and is by far the most difficult portion of the work remaining to be done, while some claim that the lower part, leading north from the Williamson river about 45 miles, can be laid at the rate of half a mile a day. This would mean that the latter stretch could be put down in three months.

As is commonly known, the object of the building of the cut-off is principally to save the heavy grades which exist along the present line. Over the Siskiyou these grades run about three per cent, while on the cut-off the grade will be reduced to one per cent. At the same time the cut-off will reduce the distance between Weed and Eugene about 27 miles, therefore shortening the distance between all points north of Eugene and all points south of Weed the same distance.

The saving in grade will mean an immense economy to the railroad

company in the course of years in the easier operating expenses. It will afford a fine saving of time for travelers and freight which have to be carried through from Eugene or points to Weed or points below, as well as on freight and passengers to Klamath Falls, probably from the south as well as from the north. As it is everything and everybody from the north has to shy out of the state of Oregon via Weed to get into Klamath Falls.

From the south the chances are that freight and passenger rates will have some adjustment when the line is a through one for the reason that the present branch line is expensive to operate, which means that the income must be heavy, but when it becomes part of a large, practically straight line, the cost of running it will be materially reduced and the benefit will very likely be given to the traveling and freight-shipping public.

The mileage from Portland to Weed is 428 miles and from Weed to Klamath Falls 86 miles, a total of 514 miles. From Portland to Eugene is 129 miles; Eugene to Natron, 8 miles; Natron to Klamath Falls, 178 miles, a total of 315 miles. Thus the mileage saved in the run from Portland to Klamath Falls would be 199 miles. The distance from Portland to Weed, 428 miles, which is covered now, will compare with 401 miles over the Klamath-Natron short-line, a saving on through traffic of 27 miles.

With 27 miles less of road to cover and a heavy grade reduced two thirds, the through trains are expected to save several hours' between the Rose and Golden Gate cities.

#### KNOX PARTY SAILS GUNS GREETING BIG OFFICIAL

United Press Service  
KEY WEST, Feb. 23.—The Knox party sailed on the cruiser Washington. Nineteen guns greeted the secretary on his boarding the boat. The first stop will be Port Antonio, Jamaica.

#### PUGILIST HURT AND DIES, OPPONENT BEING ARRESTED

United Press Service  
WYCKGANG, Ill., Feb. 23.—Joe Kercheff, a pugilist injured in a bout here, is dead. An investigation is on, and Bill Walters, his opponent, has been arrested.

## GOOD PLAYS ARE PROMISED HERE

#### NEWMAN-FOLTZ COMPANY OPENS REPERTOIRE ENGAGEMENT TOMORROW NIGHT AT HOUSTON OPERA HOUSE

Starting tomorrow the popular Newman-Foltz company opens an engagement at Houston's theater in the pretty comedy drama, "The Parisian Princess," a play of modern life with characterizations and absorbing heart interest. Miss Foltz, who is a daughter of Mrs. Clara Foltz, wife of a Los Angeles attorney, who is a candidate for the state senate, is an actress of much talent, and she possesses abundant charm and magnetism. She is

clever in emotional roles, and also gifted as a comedienne.

In the opening bill, as the "Princess," she is given ample opportunity to display her talents.

"Wildfire" which is scheduled for Sunday night, is the big comedy success which brought Lillian Russell to the coast recently, and this is the first time the play has been produced at popular prices. Manager Newman secured the Western rights to the bill. "Wildfire" happens to be a race horse belonging to a very attractive widow, Mrs. Harrington, who is trying to keep the knowledge of her "sporting" proclivities from rival suitors, and the complications which arise can readily be imagined, especially when one suitor is anxious to buy the horse and doesn't know that she is the owner. The plot is well worked out, and there is a lot of good breezy comedy and modern slang that is irresistible.

Other pleasing bills are in order during the engagement, with novel and entertaining vaudeville numbers between acts.

Prices 25 and 50 cents. Seat sale at Bonbonniere.

## OLD MAN JAILED NOT RESPONSIBLE

#### HENRY MEIER SR., A FORMER RANCHER OUT TOWARD DAIRY, WILL BE SENT TO COUNTY INFIRMARY FOR CARE

Deputy Sheriff John G. Schallock last night picked up Henry Meier, Sr., a well known former rancher, and placed him in jail. The old gentleman, who has been known hereabouts for a score of years, is hardly able to look after himself as well as in years gone. He recently sold his place about sixteen miles out on the road toward Dalry, and since then it has been a problem to take care of him, as someone has to be with him all the time. He has a son, Henry Meier Jr. It was decided today that he should be sent to the county infirmary.

## ROOSEVELT TO BAY STATE, BUT SAYS INSIGNIFICANT

Speaking More Correctly, the Oyster Bay Citizen-Editor Declares His Jaunt Has No Political Weight—Trip Is to Be Made Tomorrow

United Press Service  
NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Roosevelt goes to Massachusetts tomorrow. He declared the trip is not politically significant.

#### I. O. O. F. TONIGHT Klamath Lodge No. 137, I. O. O. F. meets in regular session tonight, and the third degree will be put on.

The members of this lodge are taking a deep interest in the formation of the Odd Fellows Club, the preliminary steps being well advanced, and as this is a subject which bobs up wherever Odd Fellows foregather, it is almost certain to be the cause of a post-meeting session tonight.

Everything points to a rapid consummation of the plans of the lodge in this direction, and much interest is shown by the members. That it will be a most emphatic success cannot be doubted when the interest shown is taken into consideration.

## SATURDAY RALLY AT COURT HOUSE

#### PROGRAMME OF MUSIC, LIVE SPEECHES AND OTHER INTERESTING MATTERS TO BE OFFERED TO TAFT CLUB

Plans have been made for a big Republican rally at the court house on Saturday evening. A programme has been arranged, consisting of addresses on live topics of the day, trios and other musical numbers. At this meeting, which is called by the Klamath County Taft Republican Club, appointments of vice-presidents of the club will be made for each precinct in the county.

## CASE OF SHIDLER STILL IN COURT

#### DEFENDANT SAYS HE DID NOT THINK THAT USING ONE KNIFE WHEN GALE HAD CLUB WOULD BE FAIR FIGHT

In circuit court today the case of the state against Horace Shidler, charged with assaulting A. E. Gale with a deadly weapon, was continued before a jury. It appears, according to some of the evidence, that Gale had a club in the fracas and that the younger man had a knife in each hand. Shidler on the stand this afternoon admitted that he had run from Gale at one time "because he had a club and I had only one knife. I thought it would not be a fair fight, as he was so much bigger than I."

The witness testified that at the time of the occurrence he weighed 154 pounds.

## TAFT PRECINCT VICE PRESIDENTS

#### LIST OF OFFICERS ADDED TO OFFICIAL ROSTER OF NEWLY FORMED KLAMATH FALLS POLITICAL ORGANIZATION

Members of the Klamath Falls Taft Republican Club's executive committee have prepared the list of vice presidents of that organization, the names determined being as follows:

Wood River, John Hegg of Fort Klamath; Tule Lake, Fred Stukel of Merrill; Lost River, J. O. Hamaker of Bonanza; Plevna, Sam Padgett of Keno; Sprague River, Charles H. Pattee of Bly; Langell Valley, R. C. Cowley of Lorella; Malin, Walter Adams of Malin; Midland, Walter Turner of Midland; Pine Grove, T. N. Cunningham of Klamath Falls; Poe Valley, Charles H. Kester of Bedford; Klamath Lake, D. G. Brown of Odessa; Odell, Joseph A. Pringo of Crescent; West Klamath Falls, Leslie Rodgers of Klamath Falls; East Klamath Falls, E. B. Ramsby of Klamath Falls; Second Ward, E. L. Elliott of Klamath Falls; Third Ward, R. A. Emmitt of Klamath Falls; Dalry, Ben S. Owens of Klamath Falls; Dalry, W. P. Sedge of Dalry; Shippington, H. J. Lochwood of Klamath Falls.

The club will hold a rally tomorrow night at the court house.

## RODEO INCITES SPORTS TO WAGER

#### JOHN ELLIS AND BILL SMITH RISK A HUNDRED PLASTERS EACH ON QUINTETS OF RACERS FROM THEIR DIGGINGS

(By Sapient Screecher)

Things traveled in booster style at the meeting of the Elks lodge last night. The coming rodeo which is to be given under the direction of Klamath Falls Lodge was under discussion when John Ellis of Fort Klamath, in an enthusiastic speech remarked that the Fort Klamath country would send a relay string of five horses for the relay race that would wipe the other skates off the track.

Bill Smith, who hails from Bly, was sitting across the hall, and instantly called Ellis' attention to the fact that there are some horses up in the Bly country that can go some when you "set 'em in the high."

Ellis remarked that he never talked through his headgear, and if Bly or any other section of the country thought they could give dust to Fort Klamath to step up to the plate counter and lay down the currency.

"Here's a hundred bones," said Ellis, "to back the Fort Klamath string."

"You're on," says Bill, "write your check," and in less than the time it takes to tell the story, the two checks each for a hundred bones, were signed, sealed and delivered, and in the hands of the secretary.

The fun did not stop here, for Ellis

again came to the front with the remark that things up in the Fort Klamath country were so prosperous that everyone was just lousy with the coin, and that he felt there was no question about who would have that money, so he would just put the whole business into the Portland fund of the lodge.

Bill was on the firing line in an instant, and came back at Ellis like a true sport with the remark that Bly was the only spot under God's sky where they bred game sports; that Bly's end of that purse was in the Portland fund right now; that he would leave in the morning with a freight team for Bly, and when he came back to the rodeo with that relay string he would have the freight wagon loaded with a ton or more of U. S. coin. If Fort Klamath wanted to trot in the same class with the boys from Bly, just tell them that they'd have to "keep 'er in the high."

Guy Merrill learned of the affair by telephone, and it is rumored that Merrill and Tule Lake will have something to spring about a relay string in a day or two that will make them all sit up and take notice, and so the "rodeo" is under way.

#### SACRAMENTO RIVER LOSERS CHANCE FOR IMPROVEMENT

United Press Service  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 23.—California congressmen state that no appropriation for improving the Sacramento River will be included in the house rivers and harbors bill. Chairman Sparksman said he opposes it at this session. It is reported that the Sacramento item was stricken from the bill at a secret session of the committee today.

#### DIVORCE GIVEN IN RATLIFF CASE

In the divorce suit of Mrs. Anna Ratliff vs. John Ratliff, the testimony was taken before a commissioner, R. M. Richardson, the defendant making no appearance. A decree of divorce was awarded the plaintiff by Judge Henry L. Benson. The Ratliffs are well known Merrill people, having been identified with the hotel business there for several years. They have several grown children.

## VASQUITS GOING TO JAUREZ AND CITY MAY NOT RESIST

Ciudad Chihuahua Is Isolated by Rail and Wire—Americans Are Penned in and Unable to Escape—More Vasquistas Marching There

United Press Service  
EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 23.—A thousand vasquistas have reached Sabinel, en route to Jaurez, and a thousand more are reported to be marching to Chihuahua. Probably Jaurez will not resist them. Ciudad, Chihuahua, is isolated by rail and wire, and Americans are unable to escape.

#### Orocco Deserts Madero

United Press Service  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 23.—General Steever has communicated to the war department unofficial reports that Orocco has deserted Madero, and is now en route to Jaurez, heading 1,400 insurgents.

#### Rebels Will Attack Chihuahua

United Press Service  
EAGLE PASS, Feb. 23.—It is reported that 1,800 rebels, Emilio Campa commanding, are concentrating and planning to besiege Chihuahua. Rebels have seized the smelting trust plant at Arasco, Durango.

## BLACKBIRDS ARE ALMOST DUE BACK

#### FROM SOUTHERN WINTER EXCURSION — THEY USED TO COME JUST ABOUT FEBRUARY 20, WHICH WAS THEIR DAY

Yesterday robins were singing on the hill and today it was snowy, with the north wind blowing. But it is pretty late in the game for old King Winter to assert himself, and not long from now it will be sunshine every day without stint.

It is about time for the home coming of the blackbirds, who went south in the fall. There are blackbirds

## HILL'S SUGGESTION IS COMMON AGENCY

#### TO GET IMMIGRANTS

and blackbirds, some of which manage to stay in the Klamath Basin during the entire winter, while others depart for a warmer climate. Those who winter here are comparatively scarce, but they can exist around the stables and roads during the cold spell.

In the old days the Pioneers' Society had a day set apart which was called blackbird day, February 20th, and often great flocks of the sombre looking flyers would appear here on that very day. It was always approximately that time when they came along from the south.

## ALL TRAFFIC WILL BEAR ON PACIFIC TONNAGE

Apparently Professor Johnson's Panama Canal Toll Idea, But Make Rates for Foreign Cargoes in Foreign Trade Low to Get Canal Tolls

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—J. N. Teal, the Portland economist, is here calling on many senators relative to Panama canal tolls. He thinks the intermountain rate cases may be argued Monday.

Regarding the report of Professor Johnson on canal tolls, Mr. Teal says: "Professor Johnson has finally made his recommendations on Panama tolls. He treats it as a purely commercial proposition. His views are of decided interest to the coast."

"On coast to coast traffic it seems to be his view that the highest rates can prevail, while on European traffic now using the Suez canal competition rates will have to be made. It is not improbable that this will be the principal adopted, unless those interested are more active. In other words, the charge on all traffic will bear on our own tonnage, but we must be sure to make it low enough on the tonnage of foreign nations in the foreign trade so we will get their traffic through the Panama canal."

"The collection of tolls seems of vastly more importance than the developing of our own commerce. Just how it will all wind up is hard to say, but it is altogether possible that the American merchant marines will get but little comfort out of it, and that the American commerce will pay the high rates."

## DOLBEER QUITS BUSINESS HERE

#### SELLS INTEREST IN FURNITURE ENTERPRISE TO PARTNER AND WILL GO TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TO RESIDE

W. H. Dolbeer has sold his interest in the Dolbeer & McMillan furniture store to his partner, W. F. McMillan, and will leave Sunday for San Diego, California, where he will join his wife, who has been spending the winter in Southern California. Mrs. Dolbeer was compelled to go to a lower altitude on account of her health, and it was for this reason that Mr. Dolbeer decided to sell his interests here.

#### STATES WANTING TO COLONIZE NOW SPEND ENOUGH TO GET SEVERAL TIMES WHAT THEY DESIRE

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 23.—In a statement issued from the office of the Northwest Development League, James J. Hill, chairman of the board of the Great Northern railroad, advocates the strengthening of the organization, co-operation of the Northwest states and establishment of a central colonization or immigration bureau to aid in the development and settling of the American Northwest. The statement from Mr. Hill is a powerful endorsement of the movement started in Helena, Mont., last May, when the Northwest Development League was organized.

"The states of this league spend enough separately on immigration projects to bring in several times as many people each year as they gain; but a considerable portion of it is devoted to enticing settlers from one of them to another," said Mr. Hill. The states in the league are Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon and the territory of Alaska.

Mr. Hill goes on to say: "A most desirable result of this confederation would be the establishment of a common immigration agency, with resources sufficient for a comprehensive canvass of possible settlers, but absolutely impartial as to their location anywhere within this zone between the Mississippi and the Pacific. Substitute one central colonization bureau for seven, and every dollar expended will do the work that five do now."

"This association of seven states and our great undeveloped territory comes into existence in an interesting way. The Northwest Development League is not the creation of the promoter's art. It is not a product of either ambition nor jealousy. It is a grouping of business entities having work in common which can be accomplished better united than divided. The conduct of business in the long run is not a mere scramble for the best place at the trough. As science discloses the broad general principles by which the world of nature works, so the study of human association for the increase of wealth and the growth of commerce reveals similar broad general principles underlying and governing the lives of men and commonwealths in that intimate intercourse which is the distinguishing mark of modern times.

"The phase of growth which more particularly engages the best minds of today is combination within power, just, reasonable limits. We found out long ago that individuals, communities, corporations and every instrumentality having to do with the common life of men can accomplish more results, both as to quality and quantity, when working together free from hostile suspicion. Our own and many other countries have been experimenting for a generation with this law. Almost every business in the United States today uses the method of associated enterprise in handling interests having a common focus. Our higher courts has only recently laid

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## Taft Favors Reclamation In Oregon And Will Encourage Proper Projects

PORTLAND, Feb. 23.—Oregon's poor showing in getting reclamation appropriations from the general government has been a common scandal throughout this state for years. Presidents heartily in sympathy with the West have done no more for Oregon in this particular than those hailing from the Atlantic seaboard.

It has remained for President Taft to come to a thorough realization of conditions here in Oregon and a telegram from him read to the Oregon Ir-

rigation Congress at Portland this week shows that relief appears to be in sight. He wired as follows:

"I fully appreciate the situation of Oregon with regard to distribution of reclamation fund, and am disposed to encourage activities of the reclamation to the extent that proper projects are shown and available funds permit. I am informed that interior department has under immediate consideration with prospects of favorable action undertaking of west extension of Umatilla project."

## Fish Promised For Local Waters - In Letter Received From Hawley

Secretary C. P. Stewart of the Klamath Falls Commercial Club, has received a letter from Congressman Willis Chatman Hawley, dated at Washington, D. C., February 17, in which the representative says:

"Receipt is acknowledged of your favor of the 10th instant. I will be very glad to assist you in securing a supply of fish to stock the streams of Klamath county. As you state you have written to the bureau of Fisheries relative to the matter, they will probably send you the proper blanks

to use in such cases. After you have filled in the same please send them to me in the enclosed franked and addressed envelope, and I will take the matter up with the commissioner of fisheries, and think I can secure a good supply for you. With best wishes I am, truly yours,

"W. C. HAWLEY."

Senator Reed will ask the senate to investigate the election of Senator Dupont of New Jersey.