

Lightning Realty Deal Assures Fine Structure Mysterious Surveyors Working Near Town

MANY LOTS ARE BEING LAID OUT

LAND IS LOCATED ABOUT TWO MILES FROM COURT HOUSE

The Members of the Surveying Party Decline to Discuss Their Work, and Will Give Out no Information as to the Identity of Their Employers. Many Rumors Are Current Regarding Their Activity

Carrying on their work with the utmost secrecy, a party of surveyors has been engaged for the past two weeks in laying out lots about two miles from the court house. Already in the neighborhood of 200 acres have been subdivided.

Every effort to discover the purpose of the survey or the people who are footing the bills has been unsuccessful, but there are many rumors current. One report has it that the survey of a hill line shortly to be constructed has actually been made, and that the lots now being laid out are the line of the proposed road. Another report has it that the promoters of the scheme plan to sell the lots now being laid out to people in the East, who are not familiar with the location of the tract.

The ownership of the land which is being surveyed rests in the name of E. P. McCormack. This property was sold under contract April 23, 1910, to the Southern Realty company of Portland. A payment of \$10,000 was made, but subsequent payments were allowed to lapse, and the property automatically reverted back to the original owner. The price to be paid for this land at that time was \$19 an acre.

The property is situated due west of the city, across the river and over the hills.

There has been but little activity in this vicinity. Some time ago the postal authorities made exhaustive inquiries concerning land propositions in that section, but no official action was taken.

The surveyors now at work leave the office of the county surveyor every morning about 7:45. Each morning their vehicle is loaded down with stakes, well painted, and of the kind commonly used in laying out townships.

The members of the party have repeatedly been questioned, but in each case they have refused to be interviewed.

Eagles Get Prize
Crater Aerie of the Eagles of this city last night took formal acceptance of the silver cup, the first prize for the best float at the recent Fourth of July celebration. Addresses were delivered by several of the "birds," extolling the work of those who had designed and prepared the massive eight horse float, and complimented Mrs. Helmick and the little Crystal, Bell and Mason girls who comported themselves so well on the float during the parade.

DARROW PLEADED ONLY FOR LIFE

MAGAZINE WRITER TELLS DRAMATIC STORY OF TRIAL

The Chicago Attorney Had Practically Agreed to Close the Case Before the Alleged Bombs Were Passed—He Asked the District Attorney Not to Kill Anyone, Which Was Finally Agreed to

United Press Service
LOS ANGELES, July 19.—Lincoln Steffens, the magazine writer, continued on the witness stand in the Darrow trial today. He was examined by Attorney Earl Rogers. It is expected that District Attorney Fredericks will take over the witness for cross-examination this afternoon.

Steffens told a dramatic story. He explained at length how the McNamara agreed to plead guilty before the alleged bribes had been passed.

This is the heart of the Darrow defense, that the bribes were unnecessary, as the case had been practically settled.

Steffens claimed that Darrow simply held out, demanding that "no one be killed." He was willing otherwise to have the McNamaras plead guilty. Fredericks finally agreed.

Steffens, in Fredericks' cross-examination, discussed at length the social problem. He said that while negotiating he knew that John McNamara was guilty, but merely of a social crime.

"I do not believe that the state is exacting reparation should take life," he said.

The witness denied being an anarchist, but said he was a Christian, which explains why he could not condone the paying for one crime with another.

WORK STARTED TODAY ON NEW COURT HOUSE

Actual construction work was started this morning on the \$100,000 court house for Klamath county. The site is in the Hot Springs addition in the eastern part of the city.

Teams and Fresno scrapers were on the ground early this morning, and a force of men were employed in preparing for the foundation of the structure.

Briefs are being prepared today for the appeal of the case recently tried before Judge Coke in this city, in which it was sought to secure a restraining order to prevent the erection of the court house in the locality designated. It is expected that the briefs will be filed very soon, and it is probable that the arguments will be made in the supreme court Monday.

What effect, if any, the appeal to the supreme court will have on the construction work is a question. There is now available for the carrying on of the work about \$73,000. The balance it is expected to raise by the sale of lots in court house square.

CLOUDBURST IN NEVADA KILLS

RESCUERS ARE STILL SEARCHING FOR BODIES

Early Reports Convey the News of the Death of Nine People, and the Serious Injury of Nine Others—The Injured Are Taken to Lovelock—Great Property Loss Is Also Reported

United Press Service
RENO, Nev., July 19.—Dispatches received from Mazuma today bring news of a terrific cloudburst in that section last night. Nine persons are known to have been killed, nine are injured and five people are missing. The bodies were found three miles down the canyon, which was converted into a raging torrent by the tremendous fall of water.

Rescuers are now searching the debris for the missing. The injured are being taken to Lovelock.

The property loss is impossible to estimate at this time, but it is estimated to be great.

ROME, July 19.—Nicola Cappelli left directions in his will that a quart of wine should be poured over his coffin, and that two casks should be distributed among those who attended his funeral. He also requested that his friends should dance around his grave. They did.

BELIEVE GUILTY MAN IS HERE

DEPUTY SHERIFF IS CONVINCED THAT MURDERER OF BARBARA HOLZMAN IS IN JAIL, IN SPITE OF PORTLAND OFFICER

In spite of an interview with Detective Baty of Portland, printed in the Evening Telegram, to the effect that the murderer of Barbara Holzman would probably never be captured, Deputy Sheriff Schalkork is convinced that the guilty man today occupies a cell in the county jail.

Several days ago a picture was taken of the suspect and was forwarded to Portland for identification. This picture could not have reached Portland until today, so when Detective Baty gave out the interview he had not complete information concerning the suspect.

"I am convinced that we have the man wanted," said the deputy sheriff this morning. "There are many things in connection with the matter that I am not privileged at this time to make public."

There is a reward of \$5,000 for the arrest of the murderer of Barbara Holzman.

CHOICE OF TAFT TO MAKE ROW

REPUBLICAN FACTIONS PLANNING FIGHT IN CONGRESS

The Entire Chicago Convention Fight May Be Gone Over in the Senate and the House of Representatives to Test Its Legality—Both Sides Preparing Speeches, and a Warm Time is Expected

United Press Service
WASHINGTON, D. C., July 19.—Republican factions are preparing for hot debates in both houses of congress when the legality of President Taft's nomination will be attacked. Vigorous defenses are being framed, and the entire Chicago convention fight will probably be threshed over.

Senator Root plans to speak in the senate, defending the nomination.

Congressmen Bartholdt and Mondell will speak for the defense in the house. The speeches are planned for delivery next week.

Norris of Nebraska said today: "The progressives will have something to say if the Taftites try that scheme. I will insist on being heard in reply, and will discuss the frauds which resulted in Taft's so-called victory."

JOHNSONS OFFER \$18,750 FOR LOT

PRESENT OFFER FOR PIECE OF COURT HOUSE SQUARE

The Announcement Comes Following the Decision of the County Court to Start Work at Once on the Construction of the New Court House. County Judge Worden Thinks the Offer is a Good One

Following the announcement last night of the intention to start work today on the construction of a new court house in Hot Springs addition comes the offer of S. O. Johnson and W. P. Johnson, of the Klamath Development company of \$18,750 for 65 feet frontage on Main street, on the corner of Main and Fourth streets, running through to Klamath avenue, in court house square.

The offer has been made in writing to Judge Worden of the county court, and will be accepted unless a higher price is offered.

"Court house square will be surveyed in to 25-foot lots soon," said Judge Worden last night, "and these will be placed on the market. With the proceeds from the sale of these lots and the fund of about \$70,000 already available for the purpose, we will not be handicapped for funds to complete the new building."

The offer of the Johnson brothers for a strip of court house square was the subject of considerable comment on the streets today, especially as it is impossible to tell from the written offer just what rate per foot is offered for the Main street frontage.

The offer of the Johnson brothers is as follows:

"Klamath Falls, Or., July 16, 1912. To the Honorable County Court, Klamath Falls, Ore.:

"Understanding that you contemplate selling the site occupied by the present county court house, in Klamath Falls, Klamath county, Oregon, I am prepared to make you the following offer:

For that portion of said site described as follows:

"Commencing at the corner of Fourth street and Main street of the court house property; thence running sixty-five (65) feet west on Main street; this sixty-five feet frontage to run through the block to Klamath avenue.

"I will pay you the sum of eighteen thousand, seven hundred and fifty (\$18,750.00) dollars, taking delivery of said property when you can turn same over to me free and clear of all encumbrances, except street improvements not yet due; provided that two installments on the street improvements shall have been paid, and that all building shall be removed from the property. Respectfully submitted, S. O. JOHNSON, W. P. JOHNSON."

The announcement of the starting of work on the court house was accompanied by a statement from the members of the county court. In this the intention of employing only home labor, as far as possible, is signified. A registration bureau will be opened and, before employment, each applicant will be investigated so that there will be less opportunity for any worthy person being overlooked.

Portland Men See Great Future for Klamath Falls

Sunburned and covered with dust, but with smiles of satisfaction over their trip, the advance party of Pathfinders reached Klamath Falls from Lakeview at 5:30 last evening.

County Judge Worden, S. T. Summers, C. G. Merrill and others with automobiles met the visitors at the Gap and escorted them into the city. The party included C. C. Chapman, state immigration commissioner, secretary of the Oregon Development League and manager of the executive committee of the Portland Commercial Club; Mrs. Chapman, C. L. Smith, agriculturist O. W. & N. Co.; Phillip S. Bates, publisher Pacific Northwest; Dr. C. E. Coe, president of the First National Bank of Bend, and director of the Bend Commercial Club; J. E. Sawhill, secretary of the Central Oregon Development League, and I. T. Hardy of the traffic department of the Oregon Electric.

The official map car of the party was delayed two days at Bend, awaiting the arrival of a new car, and will arrive here this evening. In this party are E. Frank, road engineer and map maker of the Portland Automobile Club; H. R. Glenn, pilot of the Auto Club, and D. E. Clark, livestock agent of the O. W. & N. Co.

A dozen or more of the citizens were at the hotel to greet the party on their arrival, and the largest gathering since the opening of the White Pelican Hotel attended the banquet in honor of the distinguished party, which began about 7 o'clock.

In his opening remarks, R. H. Dunbar, who officiated as toastmaster, stated that the present party was not the first Pathfinders who had traveled through Klamath county, as many years ago General Fremont, the famous pathfinder, crossed through Klamath county at the upper marsh on his historical trip.

In his welcome to the distinguished guests from Portland and Central Oregon, John Irwin outlined the vast extent of Klamath county and the

southern end of the state east of the mountains, and told of the immense resources of this section, whose citizens were ready to welcome the assistance of the people of Portland in their development. He told of the vast timber stretches, the water and power, and the work being done in the reclamation of the hundreds of thousands of acres of rich agricultural land; of the Lost River diversion canal, which had for its purpose the draining of Tule Lake, thus opening to settlement many thousands of acres of the richest of bottom lands for the settler and the farmer. The irrigation project in Langell Valley and the upper country was told of, and in conclusion the hope was expressed of securing the location of the terminus of the California highway on the Klamath county line, so that the official tourist route could be continued through Eastern Oregon.

C. C. Chapman was introduced as the Chinaman without a queue, and the toastmaster intimated that it would be well to explain some of the things that happened at Burns.

"The reason that I was called a Chinaman without a queue," replied Mr. Chapman, "is because the White Pelican is located at Klamath Falls instead of Burns." He stated that the party was selecting an automobile route through Eastern Oregon, and that the maps would show not only the roads, but their condition, and also the accommodations and lack of accommodations along the route. For this reason in his speech at Burns he frankly told the people what would be necessary if they expected to attract the tourists through their section. One of the hotel men shouldered all of the friendly criticism on himself and left the meeting. He remarked later that if "that Chinaman without a queue ever came back he would cut off his ears."

Mr. Chapman complimented Klamath Falls for its fine hotel, and said: "I feel constrained to say that the

men who put through this project in the south end of the state, deserve unlimited credit. We have many fine hotels in Oregon, but this is the finest I have seen outside of Portland, and I might add, that in some features it exceeds any hotel in Portland, and it is hard to estimate the value it is to your city, located, as it is, here on the edge of this great tourist country. Just think of coming off the sage brush plains after eleven days' travel, with our noses colored to such a hue as would have cost a fortune to secure in the ordinary way, and to be able to enter upon the luxuries of this magnificent hotel and enjoy a Turkish bath, as some of our party were permitted to do. Just imagine what the emotion of old General Fremont would have been if he had found what we have."

After telling of their pleasant experiences on the excellent roads of this section, he said he felt like thanking the men who had the nerve to tackle and carry so far forward the building of such vast stretches of good roads as he had already witnessed in the county.

"With your lakes and timber clad mountains, your unparalleled scenery and valley after valley of rich lands, we will all live to see a real metropolitan city in Southern Oregon. I want to have the pleasure of congratulating Klamath county upon its county court and the progressive spirit it has displayed. When your visitors enter your city on these wonderful pavements they know they are in a real city. It is a great sensation after traveling for days over even the best of county roads. In the building of your county roads you are setting an example that other counties of the state can well afford to follow."

Mr. Chapman said that he had the names of 300 men who may go from the north to Lakeview in August, and while he did not expect that all would

CONCRETE AND STEEL BUILDING

FINISHED IN WHITE TILE AND ART DECORATED

Class A Building to Be Erected on the Corner of Eighth and Main Streets Is Leased for Six Years to Portland Store and Baldwin Hardware Company—Makes Eleventh Fire-Proof Structure This Season

One of the Quickest and most important deals was closed yesterday when C. A. Jordan of San Francisco made a contract for the purchase of the Miles and Soule estate property on the corner of Eighth and Main streets, east of the Hales Market, and in addition made a lease with two local merchants for six years for the building which he is to erect. The price to be paid for the property is \$17,000.

Mr. Jordan left for San Francisco on the train yesterday afternoon for San Francisco, where he is to secure plans for the building and let the contract. According to the leases the building is to be ready for occupancy by August 15th.

According to Mr. Jordan the building is to be two stories and a basement store, and will be of reinforced steel and concrete. It will be the first really Class A building in the city. The interior will be art decorated, and the outside finished in white tile. According to the announcement the building is to be one of the best for its size between San Francisco and Portland.

The corner store, which will be 30 x 30 feet, has been leased to the Portland store, as well as the basement, which is also to be finished for a store. The next room has been leased to the Baldwin Hardware company, and will be 35x110, built in L shape, and with a 20-foot entrance on Eighth street.

With the buildings already about completed and under construction, and the new buildings contemplated, including the new court house, building activity in Klamath Falls will be rather brisk for the remainder of the season.

Four new fireproof buildings have already been completed this season. The Reidy building, which is to be occupied by the telephone company; the Greenbacher building; the Evans building and the Slough building.

In course of construction there now are store buildings by D. A. Lamb, C. F. Riley, Crisler & Stilts, G. W. White, three stores, and the Melhase hotel and store building. In prospect for early construction are the court house and the Jordan buildings.

Attorney C. M. O'Neill and Mrs. O'Neill are the latest victims in this city to get the chug-chug wagon fever, they having within the past few days purchased a two-seated Ford. At present they have a chauffeur, but both Mr. and Mrs. O'Neill intend to operate the machine themselves, and are undergoing a course of tuition with that end in view.

Turks Drive Foes From Dardanelles

United Press Service
CONSTANTINOPLE, July 19.—Eight Italian torpedo boats tried to pass Dardanelles this morning. They were driven back by the Turkish shore batteries.

It is reported that two of the boats were sunk and the others damaged.

New York Police Tremble in Boots

United Press Service
NEW YORK, July 19.—An unconfirmed report is current here that the gamblers have made a complete confession to District Attorney Whitman concerning the gambling situation. No names have been revealed in this connection.

Consternation prevails at police headquarters. Rose, Shapiro and Libby are still in the Tombs. Shapiro and Libby are anxious to confess, in hopes of getting immunity. Whitman has so far refused to make any promises.

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