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Seventh Year—No. 2,000 KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 1919 Price, Five Cents

SHERIFF'S FORCE BUSY ATTENDING TO TAXPAYERS

OVER \$100,000 HAS BEEN PAID INTO TREASURY

Three More Days in Which to Pay and Receive Three Per Cent Rebate. Many Are Waiting to Pay Half Their Taxes, So They Can Pay the Remainder in October Without Penalty.

The tax collection force of Sheriff Low's office is about the busiest aggregation of clerks in Klamath Falls, owing to the rush of the past week on the part of those wishing to pay their taxes in time to benefit by the 3 per cent rebate.

The rebate offer expires Saturday afternoon, and any paying taxes after that time will pay face value. After April 7th, penalty and interest is added to the assessments.

Persons paying half their taxes between Monday and April 7th have until October in which to pay the remainder without getting on the delinquent list. No penalty or interest is charged those taking advantage of this method.

"In round figures, \$102,000 has been collected so far," said Head Deputy George Hayden today. "This includes several thousand dollars worth of county warrants."

SMALLPOX SCARE HAS HIT WASHINGTON

EMPLOYEES OF THE STATE, WAR AND NAVY DEPARTMENTS ARE VACCINATED — SECRETARY GARRISON IS FIRST

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 12.—As a result of a smallpox scare employees of the state, war and navy departments have been vaccinated. Secretary Garrison was the first to be treated.

Frank L. Burns, a prominent Fort Klamath lumberman, is here for a business visit.

J. Walter Call is here in the interests of a Medford firm.

If Man Kills Another in War is It Murder?

Case Against Miners in West Virginia Brings Up a Unique Point. Mother Jones Still Defiant

PAINT CREEK JUNCTION, W. Va., March 12.—If a man kills another in war, is it murder?

This is the issue in the military court trying Mother Jones and forty-nine miners on a charge of conspiracy to murder. Attorney Matheny for the defense declared:

"The mine guards were slain as representatives of a system. What-

ever happened were acts of war, and cannot be judged by the ordinary rules of the law of morality."

Three weeks of confinement is breaking down Mother Jones. En route to Odd Fellows hall, where the trial is being held, she leans heavily on the arms of her companions. Her spirit, however, is still unbroken, and she is defiant.

COMMERCE COURT TURNS DOWN LAW

CONGRESS HAS NOT THE POWER TO DESIGNATE PIPE LINES AS COMMON CARRIERS, IS DECISION RENDERED

United Press Service

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 12.—The commerce court has decided that congress is not empowered to make pipe lines common carriers, and that the amendment of the interstate commerce law to that effect is invalid.

A preliminary injunction restraining the enforcement of the measure has been issued.

EXTRA SESSION TO BE APRIL 8

THE TARIFF FRAMERS WILL NOT BE READY TO REPORT TO CONGRESS BY APRIL 1, HENCE DELAY OF SESSION

United Press Service

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 12.—Framers of tariff measures today told President Wilson that they would not be ready to report by April 1st. It is understood the president will call the extra session to convene on April 8th.

FAMILY HERE TO MAKE THEIR HOME

HILLS ARRIVE LAST NIGHT FROM IDAHO—ARE PLANNING EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS TO REAMES RANCH

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hill and family arrived Tuesday night from Idaho Falls, Idaho, and are making arrangements to occupy the ranch they purchased here. The farm is twelve miles south of Klamath Falls, on Lost River, and Mr. Hill bought the property last year from E. C. Reames.

They plan extensive improvements to the ranch, among others, several new buildings. The family is in Klamath Falls, awaiting the arrival of a car load of household goods from their former home.

Bob Adams was up Tuesday from the Adams ranch near Merrill.

C. P. Parris of Olene came in last night to attend to business matters.

Minimum Wage Bill is Favored by Wilson

Governors of 14 States Have Responded to Letters Sent Out by Probers. Promised to Aid

United Press Service

SPRINGFIELD, March 12.—Stacks of telegrams and letters confronted the starvation wage probers when they returned here today.

The governors of fourteen states, in response to letters sent out by Lieutenant Governor O'Hara, promised to make immediate recommendations to the legislatures.

It has been learned authoritatively that President Wilson is in sympathy with the minimum wage principle, and will be glad to receive the probers and hear the summary of the evidence already adduced.

The probers will probably decide tomorrow when they will go East. On their return they expect to probe conditions in the sweat shops and factories.

Austria to Have Dirigible

BERLIN, March 12.—The government is reported to have Count Zeppelin's offer to build a military aerial cruiser for Austria, under consideration. It will be the first Zeppelin has sold to any country.

COMMISSION IS PREPARING TO GO AFTER ROADS

REPORTS OF OWNERS OF VESSELS ARE SOUGHT

Purpose is to Be Prepared to Enforce Congressional Provision Barring Railroad Owned Vessels From the Panama Canal—State Applies to Foreign Vessels, as Well as to Those of Domestic Lines

United Press Service

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 12.—The interstate commerce commission today initiated a sweeping probe of the steamship interests of the railroads, ordering the roads to submit April 15th statements showing the relation of the shipping companies, both foreign and domestic. The statements of the coastwise companies will be received June 30th.

The object of the investigation is to ascertain what roads operate steamers, so the commission will be prepared to enforce the congressional act barring railroad owned vessels from the Panama canal.

CHARTER MAY GO TO COURTS

ATTORNEYS DIFFER AS TO THE PROPER PROCEDURE AT THIS TIME — PROVISIONS MAY BE CHANGED LATER ON

Local attorneys differ as to the need of testing the new charter in the supreme court. Many are of the opinion that there is not the slightest question of the legality of the measure, and that the delay incidental to the taking of the charter into the courts would work a great hardship on improvement work this summer. The provisions of the instrument are now receiving considerable attention. There are portions of it which it appears to be the belief should be changed, and this may be done after the charter has been thoroughly tested.

Mills Start Soon

WEATHER WILL GOVERN OPENING

PLENTY OF MATERIAL FOR SAW-MILLS, BUT ICE STILL HAMPERS—ALL PLANTS WILL MAKE BIG CUTS

If the weather is what the sawmill men hope it will be for the next few weeks, lumbering will be in full blast early in April. Ice in canals is hampering some of the mills, while others will hold back a while in order to avoid any danger of lumber becoming stained in piles before the weather is favorable.

The Big Basin Lumber company expects to begin operating its West Side mill March 20. There are plenty of logs here from the Keno camp, and when the mill starts, it will cut 65,000 feet a day.

It is the intention of the Big Basin Lumber company to mill 12,000,000 feet of lumber at the West Side plant. The mill will be operated ten hours a day, but later in the summer a double shift may be used.

Logs for Ackley Brothers' mill are being put in the water, and will be rafted to the mill when needed. The owners have not decided upon the time the mill will open.

PELICAN BAY TO RUN TWO SHIFTS

SHIPPINGTON PLANT FIGURED ON CUTTING TWENTY-FIVE MILLION FEET BEFORE SEASON IS CLOSED

Twenty-five million feet of lumber will be cut this season by the Pelican Bay Lumber company, according to H. D. Mortenson, head of that concern, who returned Tuesday from a business trip to Los Angeles, San Francisco and other California cities. "The time of opening the mill depends upon the weather," said Mr. Mortenson. "At present there is eight inches of ice in our log pond, and until this is melted we cannot hope to operate the plant. We figure on starting the 1st of April."

"It is our intention to operate the mill twenty hours a day, in order to catch up with our unfiled orders," added Mortenson. "We expect to average 140,000 feet for each double shift this summer."

"There are plenty of logs in our ponds, and several big rafts are ready for delivery, but all is held up on account of the weather. As soon as the ice melts the mill will open up full blast, and will run night and day all summer."

ALGOMA AWAITING BREAKING OF ICE

NEW BOILER BEING INSTALLED AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS MADE IN THE MEANTIME AT THE BIG PLANT

"Just as soon as the ice leaves the sawmill will be started, presumably about the 1st of April," says H. H. Edmunds, general superintendent of the Algoma Lumber company, who is visiting the county seat today.

"This year we will cut eighteen or twenty million feet. We will run one ten-hour shift, and expect to cut between 100,000 and 125,000 feet a day. E. J. Grant, secretary of the Algoma Lumber company, will be here from Los Angeles Monday."

Workmen are installing a 72x18 high pressure boiler and making other repairs at the big plant at Algoma, preparatory to the opening of the mill. The machinery for the box factory will reach Algoma in a short time, and it is believed that the big box factory will be in operation by the 1st of June.

It is believed that the force at the box factory will be greatly increased this year, notwithstanding the damage to the crops in Southern California caused by frosts.

MINIMUM WAGE LAW FRIGHTENS

CHICAGO RETAILERS MAY RAISE WAGES OF GIRLS IN ORDER TO DEFEAT MEASURE FIXING THE SALARIES

United Press Service

CHICAGO, March 12.—Big merchants may voluntarily raise the wages of girls, hoping thereby to stop the passage of the minimum wage law.

The State Street Retailers Association today made overtures for a conference with the probers.

SOCIALIST VOTE IS OVER 200

AN UNIT FOLLOWERS OF DEBS VOTE AGAINST THE CHARTER. THE WOMEN MAKE UP A DEFLIENCY

The socialist vote in Klamath Falls on the charter proposition was over 200, according to a prominent follower of Eugene V. Debs. It is believed that this vote went as a unit against the charter.

"We have lost some voters from our ranks by change of residence," said a socialist this morning, "but by women voting we were able to make up the number."

Alec Shovels Ice in Street; Wins Seventeen

Joe McDonald and Two Friends Each Contribute Five Spot for Making Wager With Cattle Man

That "early bird" adage was brought home to Alec Davis Joe McDonald and a few other Klamath Falls men forcibly this morning, as a result of a bet made yesterday as to snow shoveling powers. The early bird in this case was Davis, and the fuzzy caterpillar was in the shape of seventeen perfectly milled dollars of the realm.

Although there was considerable disagreement Tuesday, all parties concerned agree with the cattle man that he is "there and over" as a snow shoveler, and that he is a financier of the first water. Incidentally, they agree on the gist of the story, which runs thusly.

Davis and McDonald stood watching a man shoveling ice from the street Tuesday, when Davis ventured the remark that the fellow was going awfully slow about agitating the frozen water. McDonald sought to signal Davis forevermore by remark-

ing that the man with the shovel was doing more than Davis could do. This started an argument in which others joined, and it became so heated that McDonald offered to bet a five that Davis could not clean the ice off the street in front of McDonald'semporium, the Oregon Harness company and Hayden's jewelry store in a five. Davis took this bet, also two other five dollar bets.

"Oh, it's like finding money," exclaimed the trio who bet, and they put their heads together and concocted a scheme for repeatedly traversing the portion of the street to be cleaned, preventing Davis from working, and making him work hard all day with a shovel, the "fall guy" for all the near witty sallies of the official shoveler.

Once upon a time, some who ventured the remark that the fellow laid plans of mice and men to signal Davis forevermore by remark-

Reclamation Attaches Don't Expect Aeroplane

Motorcycle, Automobile, Wagon and "Shanks Mare" Will Continue in Vogue on Klamath Project

LOS ANGELES, March 12.—Engineer C. A. Ensign of the government reclamation service, plans today to recommend the use of aeroplanes in the exploration work of his department. His decision was made after a thorough test, during which he flew about the environs of Los Angeles with aviator Leonard Bonney.

"I hardly look forward to the receipt of an aeroplane fleet for use on the Klamath Project," said Engineer W. W. Patch today, "as I do not know of what use they would be, unless to show visitors over the project, and even then, all would not care to get such an elevated view of irrigation methods in this section. Mr. Ensign is the chief electrical engineer of the service, and it is possible that the work of inspection for him would be greatly facilitated by the use of an aeroplane."

It is understood that Hydrographer Leland Mosier wanted an aeroplane for use in his work, but his wife flatly objected, stating that he would be taking sufficient chances of getting his neck broken while racing over the country on the new motorcycle the government has ordered.

Purchasing Agent Oehler is also said to have ambitions of being a bird man, but he will have to content himself to riding the old motorcycle.

Assistant Engineer Cleghorn stated that he had absolutely no desire to use an aeroplane; traveling on an automobile or buckboard being more to his taste.

Assistant Project Engineer I. S. Voorhees and Fiscal Agent Hogue and Caden refused to be interviewed on the question. "What's the use?" they said. "In case an aeroplane comes, Mr. Patch will be sure to use it all the time, providing Mr. Mosier does not see it first."

First National Designated as United States Depository

Reclamation Service, Indian Service and Forestry Service Will Hereafter do Their Official Banking Through Local Institution, Not by Drafts

Notification that the institution has been designated as an official depository by the government was received today by the directors of the First National bank. The institution, a short time ago, was invited by the government to make application for designation as a United States depository, and today's action comes as a result.

The need of a United States depository has been felt here for several

years, and of late has been greatly increased, on account of the monies being handled by the reclamation service and the Indian service here. Both of these branches handle an enormous sum each year, which is being steadily increased by the sale of timber on the Klamath Indian reservation.

Heretofore, it has been necessary to remit money to San Francisco or some other United States depository by bank draft, or to ship the funds by express. This has entailed an expense and considerable trouble.

Water users of the Klamath Reclamation project heretofore have been compelled to transmit their payments of water charges through the Lakeview land office, and the transmission entailed additional expenditures for bank drafts on the Lakeview bank.

With the designation of Fiscal Agents C. C. Hogue and Harry Caden to receive water charges, water users hereafter will pay their charges direct to the local office of the reclamation service, instead of transmitting to Lakeview.

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